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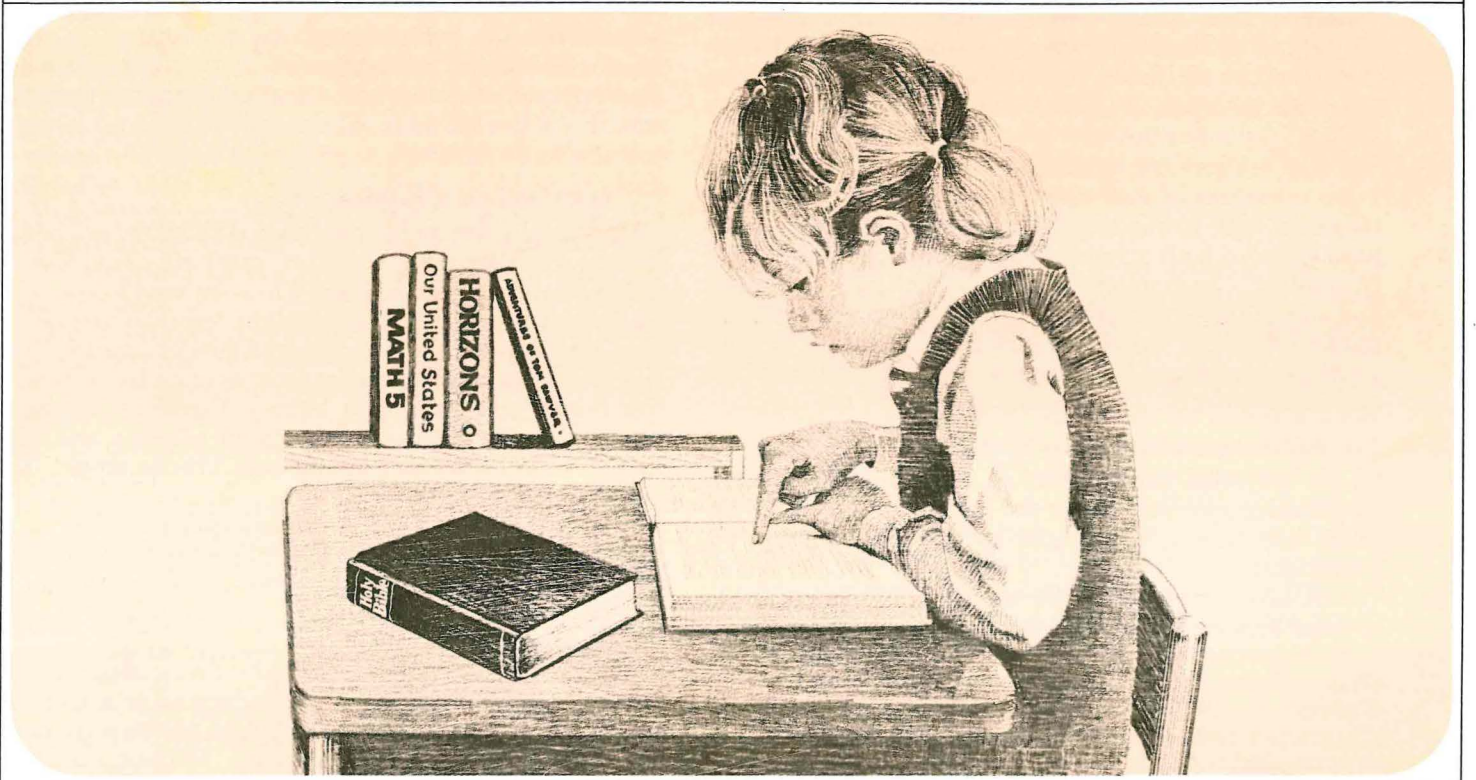
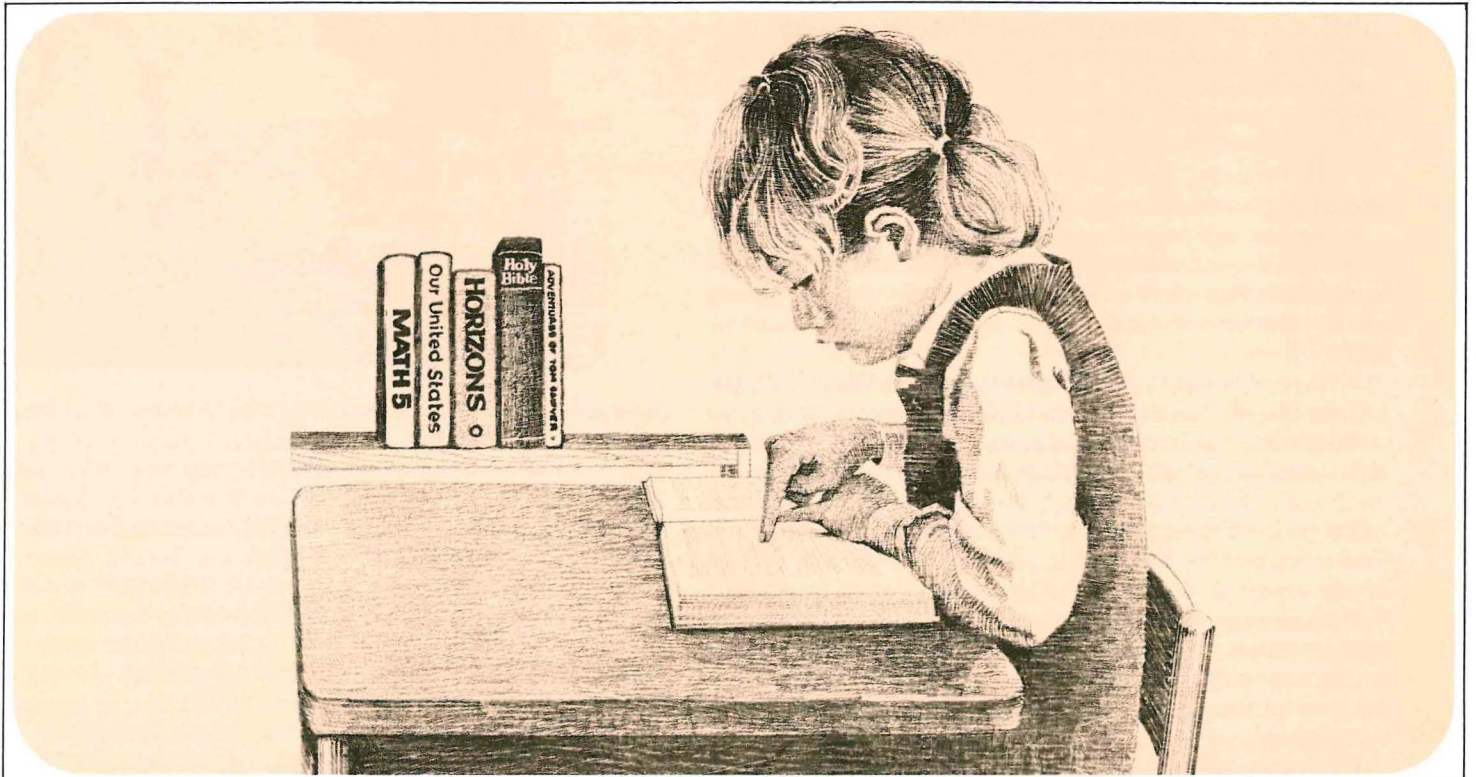
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WHAT SCHOOL SHALL

ARE YOU among the countless Christian parents concerned about the conditions in your public schools? Are you alarmed about the secular humanistic values, the lowered educational quality, teacher strikes, and the prevalent drug culture? Does it bother you that states and communities seem reluctant to support improvement in educational quality? Then this article is for you.

Historically, Friends have been actively concerned for the education of youth under their care. This concern continues to be expressed in our strong support for Quaker colleges. However, with the development of free public education in the 19th century, our interest in Quaker elementary and secondary schools faded, particularly among evangelical Friends.

Today's social turmoil affecting public education has resulted in the turning of many Friends, together with other evangelicals, to Christian schools. Some of these schools are operated by individual churches; others are nondenominational. Motivations vary, but most Christian parents want their children in an environment that offers an alternative to secular humanistic philosophy and that is relatively isolated from the drug culture and from non-Christian peer pressure. This motivation is so strong that these parents, although not well-to-do, are willing to pay tuition ranging from \$1,000 up and to accept inconveniences in transportation so their children can be in a Christian school.

Some, however, are raising questions about the wisdom of their choices. Not long ago I heard a pastor call for help as he stood on a yearly meeting floor. "What information can we find to use in advising parents concerning Christian schools? Is there a way to evaluate Christian schools? Are they always a wise choice?"

The answers are difficult to uncover. Personally, I know something of their complexity, in part because I have taught in both public and private elementary schools and have attended both private colleges and public universities. In addition, I have trained teachers at both Malone College and a state university. Finally, my children have attended public schools in two states and three Christian schools. From my perspective Christian schools have advantages but also disadvantages. Let us consider some of the issues.

Advantages of Christian Schools

1. Christian schools offer an environment supportive to Christian students. There the Bible is respected and applied, and faith is encouraged by both teachers and administrators.

2. Students tend to be motivated more than the average because they come from homes where concern for



both Christian nurture and academic success may be the norm.

3. Students, textbooks, library materials, and school activities are supervised and controlled by Christian teachers and administrators, thereby reducing the students' exposure to demoralizing influences.

4. The students' peers tend to be supportive of Christian principles and standards of conduct, in part because most of the students come from Christian homes or at least from those with more than ordinary concern about their welfare and the quality of their schooling.

5. The Christian school offers opportunities for students to be called to personal Christian discipleship through chapel services and other exposure to outstanding persons who can present the claims of Christ.

6. Concerned and competent Christian teachers have developed a Christian world view that integrates their faith with living and learning. Such a person can be a powerful role model for children.

Questions for Christian Schools

Unfortunately, the advantages named above are not present in every Christian school. Rather, many are simply too new to have developed a consistent Christian world view, while Christian teachers may sometimes be less than mature persons. In addition, parents may send their children to Christian schools to compensate for feelings of guilt over ineffective family relationships at home. Therefore, discerning parents should question both school officials and other parents before entrusting a child to a Christian school. They might consider the following:

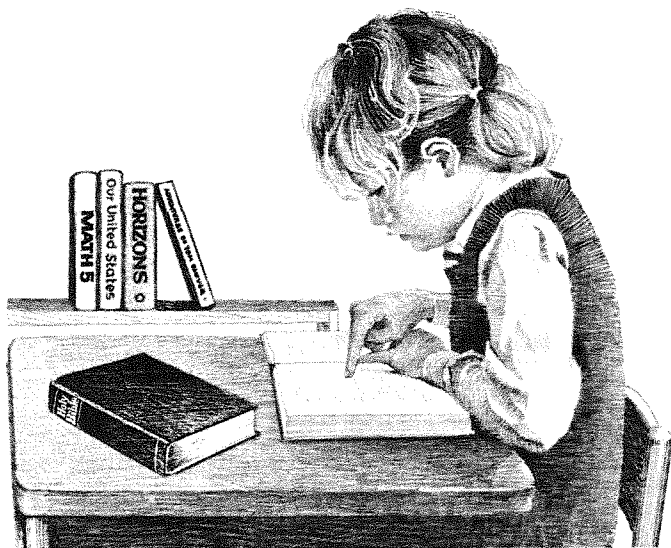
1. Are the teachers truly professional? That is, do they possess the certificates required for teaching the grades or subjects assigned to them? Is there a program of in-service training required of all teachers? Are teachers evaluated systematically?

2. Where did the teachers receive their college preparation? Unless a teacher has been educated at a Christian liberal arts college it is unlikely that he has been trained in the integration of faith and learning. Without such expe-

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BY ROGER L. WOOD



rience, it is improbable that he will be able to bring together the easily separated worlds of faith and learning into a consistent Christian whole. Thus the entire point of the Christian school will be missed.

It should be said also that not every graduate of a Christian liberal arts college will automatically meet this criterion. Some colleges, some professors, and some students work much harder at the task of integration than do others. Blessed is the Christian school wise enough and perceptive enough to find the unusual teacher who has achieved this goal!

3. Is the curriculum suited to the needs of your children? Not all Christian schools use the pattern of curriculum and classroom organization with which we are familiar. Smaller schools sometimes use an individualized system such as A.C.E. (Accelerated Christian Education) that uses a minimum of textbooks and classroom presentations or discussions. The content to be learned is presented by means of a series of workbooks through which students progress at their own rates. If used as designed, these materials are supplemented by small groups, visual aids, and motivational activities. However, problems arise when some schools employ a good tool ineffectively and sometimes slothfully.

The motivating skill of the teacher is the key to such a program's success. In addition, not all students seem to profit from independent approaches to learning. A further problem is the seemingly strained attempt to relate every lesson to the Bible while using only the Authorized King James Version.

Whatever the textbook or other curriculum materials used, parents will want to examine them carefully before deciding on a Christian school. If in doubt, they might consult an experienced Christian teacher who can help them evaluate curriculum materials. It is possible for a school to use materials so narrowly slanted that the educational process is hindered.

4. Can you support the philosophy of discipline used by the school? Reacting to the behavior problems often found in public schools, most Christian schools stress the

maintenance of firm discipline. They often require parents to sign a waiver allowing school personnel to use corporal punishment at their discretion.

This matter calls for a thorough discussion with the administrator. Questions should be asked such as: "Under what circumstances is corporal punishment used?" "How is the punishment administered?" "Is a witness required?" "Is the policy administered differently for maturing girls than for boys?"

Not only should the corporal punishment question be evaluated, but parents should explore that entire philosophy of discipline. It goes without saying that corporal punishment should rarely be needed, but a more important question may be "How is the everyday management of the class conducted?" Is an orderly teaching environment maintained by carefully planned and imaginative teaching, or are many small punishments required? Look for the school where the emphasis is positive rather than negative, with attention given to the reinforcement of desirable behavior rather than to punishment only.


5. A final inquiry concerns the question of legalism. Unfortunately, it will be difficult to find straightforward information, and some indirect probing may be required.

The major questions concern the emphasis of teachers and administrators upon strict observance of school rules and their attitude when rules are violated. For example, is it more important for a child to be perfectly uniformed, or is a minor violation a signal for loving concern and counsel rather than immediate punishment? What is more important, the standards of the school or the needs of the child or his family? What is at stake, the rule itself or the spiritual welfare of the child? Jesus has much to say in the Sermon on the Mount on this matter, and He pointed out more than once that rules were made for man, not man for the rules. Most of us find such a spirit difficult to manage, and school administrators are no exception.

Some Concluding Thoughts

We must be aware by this time that no school is ideal. The decision is one that Christian parents and their children must make prayerfully and carefully, considering all alternatives available.

It must be remembered that Christian teachers and administrators are still to be found in the public schools. Discipline there is not always poor, and some spiritual emphasis may be allowed. We should not always write off the public school. What would happen if all Christian influence were withdrawn from American public education? The writer has encouraged his students through the years to consider the challenge to Christian service to be found in public school teaching where "salt" and "light" are greatly needed. Many have heard that call.

The issue is not a clear-cut one. There are advantages and disadvantages to be found in both public and Christian schools. Both sides must be examined carefully, and the right decision will depend on individual circumstances. 

THE CHRISTIAN AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY LUCY ANDERSON

IN A Gallup Poll conducted last year, 82 percent of Americans indicated they still believe the path to success is through the schools. Traditionally, the public schools have been viewed as one of the most important aspects of the American system.

Unfortunately, in recent years the schools have been severely criticized. They have become a sort of scapegoat for all the ills of our society. A favorite topic for editorials has been the discouraging elements of the educational scene in general and the alarming trend in public schools in particular.

However, in all fairness, schools reflect their communities and cannot be evaluated accurately apart from the homes and families from which the students come. In a society where there is a marked increase in broken homes, violent patterns of behavior, drug abuse, alcoholism, delinquency, sexual promiscuity, and dishonesty, it follows that schools will face these same problems.

What, then, should the Christian do?

It is my conviction that the Christian—whether parent, teacher, administrator, or student—will carefully consider what



tions against a teacher showing honesty, truthfulness, forgiveness, and providing a Christian model of behavior in the public school classroom.

The challenge the Christian faces in education is *to be a positive influence and to convey Christian values in a system that, technically, does not "allow" these values to be taught as "Christian."*

To be sensitive to the needs of individual pupils and to show a caring, loving concern

in the classroom is the very valuable contribution the Christian teacher can make.

In an effort to include opinions and experiences of teachers currently involved in public school teaching, I interviewed 12 persons (7 men and 5 women) who attend my home church (Canton First Friends). In the group are a grade school principal, five secondary teachers, five elementary and middle school teachers, and a retired first grade teacher.

My first question was "Why did you choose teaching as a career?"

Here are their replies: "I enjoy working with children." . . . "I see teaching as my mission in life, because God called me to teach and to coach." . . . "God gave me the gift of loving children." . . . "Because I receive fulfillment in my teaching, I want to help my students find fulfillment also." . . . "I teach because I have a burden to reach out and touch hurting lives." . . . "By the time I graduated from high school, I knew I wanted to teach; you see, I enjoy helping others learn." . . . "Because I

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Christ, the Master Teacher, had to say about the role of Christians. Hear His familiar words from the Sermon on the Mount:

You are salt to the world You are light for all the world When a lamp is lit, it is not put under the meal-tub, but on a lamp-stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellows, so that, when they see the good you do, they may give praise to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:13-16 NEB)

Today, as never before, the public schools need Christians. And for Christians to withdraw and abandon the public schools will only intensify the problem. Rather, the challenge is to be "salt" and "light" in the classroom, in the principal's office, in the home—wherever the Christian works.

The issue of separation of church and state has been highly publicized of late—especially by those eager to eliminate all religious influence from the classroom. Granted, the rights of freedom of religion and freedom of speech are basic in the Constitution. But—there are *no* legal restric-

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"Does thee have something more appropriate for a Quaker Meetinghouse?"

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"Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." 2 Timothy 3:14
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There are good reasons for the maintenance of existing Christian schools and the development of new ones. Escape is not one of them.

Federal desegregation laws inspired the creation of many church schools in the South. White people who did not want their children attending school with black people built a way of escape.

More recently, a national movement of Christian schools on the elementary and secondary level has emerged for other reasons. Prayer, the Bible, morals, and the catchword *secular humanism* are the common factors listed.

Good reasons for Christian schools would include a more thorough search for truth than their public counterpart, the development of a Christian world view in their students, and the understanding of the compatibility of faith and learning.

Christian schools are misused if parents want to buy absolution from home responsibilities with a tuition check. Another attempted escape is from negative social statistics and from the pressures of maintaining Christian faith amidst declining moral standards. Escape from the world is not good enough reason for the Christian school.

Christian school administrators and parents who choose the alternative that the Christian school offers must carefully examine their motives to see if they are doing the right things for the right reasons. In order for the Christian school to justify itself it must show the world a positive alternative rather than providing an escape from the world. The Christian school has a mission to the church and society, but if used as an escape, it becomes little more than a shelter for the timid and incompetent. —D.L.M.

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believe whoever teaches children will greatly influence their entire lives. This is why I teach!"

I also asked, "What do you see as your greatest challenge?"

Responders unanimously agreed it is *to set a Christian example and be a positive influence in their schools.*

Specifically, they defined that "challenge" as "To get parents involved in helping their children." . . . "To be understanding and caring." . . . "To reflect Christian values in the world's system of humanism." . . . "To make learning possible and desirable for my students." . . . "To show truthfulness, honesty, and dependability as keys to success." . . . "To get beyond the discipline, the textbooks, the clerical duties, and the teaching of information, to the *reaching of lives.*"

An 8th grade basketball coach added, "I would love to be free to bring the biblical perspective to bear on students' problems, but this I cannot do in the public school classroom. However, nobody prevents me from silent prayer and from showing love to my kids!"

My last question was "What rewards do you find in teaching?"

I am sure readers will agree that "managing children all day long" can be very exhausting. Add to this the physical and mental energy expended in having to cope with verbal abuse, lack of respect, and undisciplined actions—and one clearly understands why teaching is *not* easy.

Yet—listen to the answers given as to why they find teaching rewarding:

► "The rewards any teacher enjoys are the words, letters, hugs of appreciation, the good evaluations by principals, and phone calls from grateful parents and student teachers. But my 'inner' reward is to know I have tried to be an excellent teacher by giving faithful service in my vocation."

► "It is rewarding for me to see a child's smiling face after the 'light bulb' of understanding has come on."

► "To have former students hunt you up and thank you."

► "To be a positive male image to my kids, especially to those who don't have a father figure in their home."

► "Seeing students mature—first, in positive attitudes toward themselves, gradually

building up confidence; and second, helping them set goals, and when they reach them, helping them set new ones."

► "Hearing the delightful ideas children express."

► "My greatest reward is being involved in a Bible study for high schoolers after school. Recently, three of these students came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ."

► "To dialogue with students and then to see them come back later as successful college graduates."

How encouraging for parents to realize there are still dedicated persons "out there" who are committed to helping youth!

Do not make the mistake of categorizing all public schools as "the enemy." A closer look will reveal many Christians are involved in public schools—both as administrators and as teachers. Lest they become discouraged for lack of a pat on the back,

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take time to offer encouragement and appreciation from the fellowship of believers. It will give them a lift.

We hear much today about the 10 percent of the nation's college freshmen who need remedial work, but not much space is given to reporting the 10 percent who can skip their freshman year and enter as sophomores!

The newspapers are quick to emphasize the decline in test scores among recent graduates, but we hear little about the millions of students that today's schools serve that yesterday's schools didn't bother with. A recent educational bulletin reported that U.S. schools serve a higher percent of handicapped children than any nation in the world—1.2 million this year alone!

In wrapping up this topic, the most touching part of my interviews was to hear the examples of students they were able to help:

"Buffy" was a 3rd grade student, who seven years later, returned to thank her remedial reading teacher for his help when she needed it.

Ann moved from West Virginia, but because of her different accent and socioeconomic background, she ended up without friends. Her 6th grade teacher spent many noon hours with her, helping her to adjust. The day before Christmas she handed a thank-you card to her teacher. In it she wrote that she had planned to commit suicide because she felt so unwanted and unloved. But—"Thanks to you, I can make it because I know I've got one true friend in all the world."

Shawn was a senior. In frequent conversations with his psychology teacher, he admitted that he wanted to be a minister but feared he would not be able to get into any college. In confidence, his teacher urged him to consider a Christian college. Today, he is studying at Malone College, because his teacher cared and was able to give counsel when it was needed.

Although the teacher suspected that Brian was into drugs, he took time to befriend him and talk with him. Brian was arrested and sent to an Oklahoma detention center for a year. But while he was there, he encountered a Christian group and accepted Christ. Imagine his teacher's joy when Brian returned, looked him up, and thanked him. He remembered his high school teacher who had said: "I feel I am called to teach."

A secondary English teacher recalled, "Recently I had opportunity to draw close to a belligerent girl from a local 'group home.' There were problems, much friction, deep scars. Only 2½ weeks ago her mother was shot and killed. I prayed for her, sent letters and cards to her. When she came back to school, I resumed talking with her. . . . Today was her birthday, and I gave her a stained glass cross I had made. I believe we are headed for something special."

Before you go to sleep tonight, breathe a prayer of thanks to God for such beautiful examples of called, Christian teachers, who are unwilling to "cop out" of our public schools. They feel that to win the lost you have to be among them.

To be salt and light in the public schools of today is the greatest challenge Christian educators face. It requires the same dedication that is required of ministers and missionaries.

It is a *sacred* calling because its work is *molding futures.*

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL A+

BY JESS KENNISON

MORE parents of school age children are looking to the private school movement today than ever before. Many parents are dissatisfied with the public school system, and yet others are looking for the school to meet a need in the lives of their children.

There are two distinct forms of private education. One is the private school that was established to offer a program that is comparable to the curriculum of the public school, but may be geared to the exceptional child. Many private schools were started in the southeastern section of the United States during and after the Segregation Act in the 1960s and early 1970s. The other form of private education is the Christian education movement, and this is the form I wish to make reference to in this writing.

Dr. Paul Kienel, executive director of the Association of Christian Schools International, quoted Dr. Robert Simonds to say, "I work closely with teachers who are Christians in public school and they are telling me that our public schools are in shambles with violence, immorality, and drugs that are consuming our nation's youth. Fifty thousand children are right now being subjected to atheistic humanism teaching." Dr. Kienel goes on to say in Volume 13 of the *Christian School Comment* that a U.S. Senator testified in Congress, "Nothing has fallen from public favor faster than American faith in the public school."

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These comments are not new to any of us; however they are far too general for all of us to accept. I had been involved in public school administration for nine years before assuming my present position as principal of Greenleaf Friends Academy. During those nine years I was associated with some very good public schools and some that were not so good, but the quotes I used allow a reader to think the public schools are being sold out to the evils of immoral teaching. This is not so in all cases.

The Christian school, as I view it, is an alternative to the public school, not its competitor. The parents that choose the Christian school understand the freedoms that are offered to students, and they want their children to receive or to be exposed to the freedoms. Some of these include the teaching of subject matter with a biblical point of view; starting each day with prayer and Bible reading; inviting a speaker to address the student body in a chapel service in an effort to teach them about the plan of salvation or God's will for their lives; and the Christian school teacher emphasizing the value and worth of every child, and inspiring them to seek God's will. These are only a few examples.

Christian school educators are themselves important role models for students. Someone has said, "Ninety percent of what students ultimately retain from their education is what they learn from watching the lives of their teachers." Luke 6:40 says "a student . . . [when] fully trained will be like his teacher."

The point I am making shows a difference between the public and Christian school endeavor. I mentioned the freedoms the Christian school exercises; that is

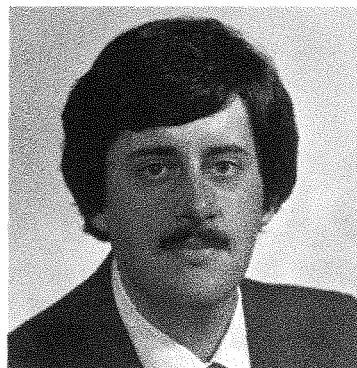
the difference.

The Christian school should not try to compete with the public school, but instead maintain a program that would include the advantages the public school can offer—plus! The plus is why Greenleaf Friends Academy has continued its ministry for the past 75 years.

Greenleaf Friends Academy is a pre-school through 12th grade system of education with an enrollment of 350 students. The academy is sponsored by the Greenleaf Friends Church and Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends. It is important to the private Christian school to have a strong denominational tie for both financial and administrative support.

The academy can and does require a course on Friends history and doctrine of all of our graduating seniors that belong to the Friends church. The school board at the academy is made up of members of the Boise and Greenleaf areas of the Yearly Meeting. The support given to the academy is returned to the churches with the Yearly Meeting manyfold.

This is a brief explanation of why today's families are considering private Christian education for their children.



DON GREEN'S TESTIMONY

Following the tragic death of Don Green, whose passing has shocked and saddened Friends everywhere, his mother, Mary Green, found in Don's library the following journal (one of many he apparently kept). The beauty and significance of this testimony is a continuing witness of his vision and faith.

Don's parents, Dr. William and Mary Green, live in Newberg, Oregon, where he serves as interim president of George Fox College and she as a faculty member.

BY MARY GREEN

ON October 27, time paused for us as we stood in an Intensive Care Unit at the bedside of a son who, a few brief hours before, had been vibrant with life. A freak accident, a crushing blow to the head, had brought instant unconsciousness and serious injury. During the ensuing three weeks, the days and nights melded into continuous prayer, hope—and tears. We were surrounded by loving, caring people. We literally felt closed in and lifted up by the outpouring of love and prayer, from near and far, from across the continent and even around the world. And, always, underneath and supporting us in a very real way, we sensed the comfort and strength of “the everlasting arms.”

When Don went home to his Lord and Savior on November 16, a part of this mother's heart was broken. He was so strong, so loving, so understanding—so much what I had prayed for him to become from the moment following his birth when he had been placed in my arms! To have his life of service to our Lord so shortened—only 33 years!—seemed a travesty of fate. And yet I knew that “fate” had no part in Don's life. His life had been given completely to the Lord he loved—not just for whatever ministry the Lord might choose in the *now*—but for all *time*, and for eternity. The deep peace of God, the assurance that our times are in His hands, replaced the engulfing panic.

In the journal of his spiritual journey that Don had kept over the years, we came upon an entry written during the summer of 1982, while he and Ellie and the others in the group from Reedwood Friends Church who attended the Kaimosi World Conference of Friends waited at the airport to return home. While I am sure that he never

intended his musings to be published, I would like to share parts of this entry from his journal with those who knew Don and responded to the ministry the Lord gave him. So many friends have marveled to us in recent weeks at the way in which Don had been used in the far-reaching parts of Quakerdom. We discovered in these notes that Don, also, was amazed at what the Lord had done! I share this with you, hopefully, to give you who knew and loved him an insight into Don's inmost thoughts, and with the prayer that another will pick up the burden he left and finish the work he started, to the glory of the God he loved and served so well.

Kaimosi, Kenya, August 17, 1982

“I am very much aware tonight of the sovereignty of Christ over my life and my future. Christ is all and all, and I have or am nothing except what I have received. I am amazed at His use of me in the past 12 years. There have been such prolonged seasons of dryness in this time, and yet divine power has been granted repeatedly.

“I think particularly of 1978 in Denver. No, it goes back to 1975 when Russell Myers encouraged Billy Lewis of the Youthquake planning committee to invite me to close Youthquake '75 in Los Angeles. The workshop on Quakerism during the week mushroomed in size. The evening, December 31, 1975, was unforgettable. The Holy Spirit filled a hall containing 1,000 people. I spoke on ‘What the World Needs Now Is . . . YOU!’ It was thrilling and a beginning for me.

“In October of 1975, the Lord had indicated to me that He was to open doors for ministry among unprogrammed Friends. In my last weekend in England during my study that year, I travelled to Norwich. I found several manuscripts there and had

the joy of staying overnight in the home of Doris Eddington. She showed me her trunk of Elizabeth Fry items. On Saturday morning I walked in the mist to Joseph John Gurney's grave. I was very much aware of the Lord's presence and the magnitude of the ministry this man carried. He had faithfully and courageously challenged Friends to hold to Christ. Against great suspicion of his motives and much opposition to his vocal ministry, J.J. had persisted in laying before Friends a vision that was far grander than most could believe of themselves. J.J. was particularly a peacemaker—in the Beaconite and Hicksite disputes, attempting to minister clearly to both sides. All this was flowing through me that morning as I stood before his grave.

“The stone is so simple. In the middle of a family plot. E. Fry is there. J.J.'s family lie around him. Few who walk by and even fewer who visit England even know the spot, let alone visit it. I was deeply moved—to tears. For an hour I stood and prayed and wept.

“I SENSED light enveloping me. The world around me seemed very distant and quiet. I heard the Master's voice, Jesus Christ my Lord, speaking to me: ‘Go and do thou likewise.’ It was so clear, so tender, so unmistakably He. I remember being overwhelmed by the solemnness of the call—no giddiness or even excitement. This model that I had studied so carefully was to be my life work.

“The Lord has since that day fulfilled the promise in opening doors that no one may shut. The Evangelical Friends Alliance was an opening oddly enough to Friends General Conference as Dwight Spann-Wilson stood in vocal ministry following the address. The addresses at Western Yearly

Meeting and at two Quaker Hill conferences in 1978 and 1979 continued to place before me open doors that were not of my creation nor capable of being warranted by my experience. Christ again and again gave me opportunities to share personally with liberal, even humanist Friends. The Wichita conference in 1977 asked me to lead a workshop on 'The God Within: An Evangelical Friend Looks at a Traditional Testimony.' My, what a circus! A roomful of quietist Friends all came to see the show. It was marvelous. Coming off a precious time with the family at Eagle's Mere, the Lord strengthened me mightily. One Friend there that week is also at Kaimosi and still remembers the workshop.

"Articles in *Quaker Life* and the *Evangelical Friend* also contributed to broader ministry. How can I explain this? How else but that Christ has given me a

distinct calling that, as I remain single-focused upon it, He will bless with great fruitfulness again and again.

"All this brings me up to the age of 30. In 1980 and 1981 I felt constrained to stay close to home and to Reedwood. In January 1981, during some devotions, once again I was visited and the Lord spoke again about His calling. I heard Him say that He was going to push out the boundary of His work through me to include International Friends. I remember telling Ellie about it when I returned home. Three weeks later, the call came from Richard Meredith of Friends World Committee for Consultation following the Mexico conference asking me to keynote the World Conference in Kenya. One month later came Geoffrey Bowes' call from London Yearly Meeting. I am now 32. There is no amount of pushing and pulling wires that

could have ever produced what has happened. I am not a saint, nor a prophet; I am awake and aware of the movings of the Holy Spirit in places and manners that few others seem to see.

"As I finish this in the Jono Kanyetta Airport, there are bereted soldiers in camouflage fatigues with automatic rifles and machine guns moving through the terminal. Eight times we were stopped coming down country by police. My heart is leaving a part of itself here, buried deep within East Africa. I will come back, God willing! I am leaving with a great burden for the plight of the developing world."

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here am I. Send me!' And He said, 'Go, and tell this people . . .'" — Isaiah 6:8 (NASB)

TO GROW A MARRIAGE



BY SHELDON LOUTHAN

THE WORLD this month will make much of the romantic, joyful, effervescent side of courtship and marriage. In a Christian marriage, however, there are two sides of the coin of marriage. One side tingles with anticipation of being with one's most intimate friend. It blushes with the rush of good feelings that spring from the hope that I will be accepted, loved, and cherished as much as I at this moment accept, love, and cherish the other. This side longs for, even rushes into, intimacy with reckless abandon!

The second side of the coin balances the romance of marriage with commitment. Commitment refers to a factor that protects

a marriage from the romantic burnout of disillusionment. In fact, without commitment every marriage would burn out like a meteorite whose flashing arc marks a portion of the night sky! Commitment here is viewed as a focusing of intentions, of the will to act, along certain lines.

Romance and commitment both need to be present in a healthy marriage. Either one without the other will distort the relationship and bring serious difficulties. Too many couples today seem to be unable to deal with the disappointments and disillusionments of marriage. They struggle with them for awhile, but far too many conclude their marriage is hopeless.

An analysis of the situation leads many, if not most, marriage specialists to an examination of the commitment side of marriage. It is here the battle is usually won or lost. Commitment to the right goals leads to marriage-strengthening behaviors. A

failure to make such commitments causes a marriage to languish, while commitment to yet other goals can quickly destroy a relationship.

Before getting specific about goals for commitment, one other important perspective is required. "To Grow a Marriage" invokes a growth metaphor or model of great value. This perspective likens marriage to growing a vegetable or flower garden. The composition of the soil is like the personalities of the husband and wife. Each has his/her own particular mix of clay, sand, humus, and other ingredients. Some are hard like a plot of ground with too much clay. They could use some gypsum or sand to loosen them up. Others have more sand than clay and more easily receive water and fertilizer and better nourish the plants that grow in their soil. Still others are all sand and rock, and the water and nutrients just trickle on through and are

Sheldon Louthan is a counselor and consultant in church ministries to families. In this continuation of family concerns begun in October, he presents three commitments needed to grow a marriage.

gone. Plants in such soil dry out quickly and die under the scorching heat of the sun—or in this analogy, the stresses of daily living.

Together a couple creates a garden of their marriage. If carefully planted and tended, the flowers of affection and appreciation for each other grow into sturdy plants. The vine of faith flourishes if planted and tended and provides protection from the winds of adversity or the hot sun of career stresses or community crises. The marauding insects of inflation and other troubles can eat away at their garden and require special gardening procedures to minimize their negative effects. The weeds of neglect can choke the life out of the garden unless they are regularly pulled up.

In fact, some get so discouraged with their garden of marriage they want to walk off and leave it. At that point someone else's well-cared-for plot begins to look pretty attractive. "If I had that piece of ground, marriage would be different," they reason. What they don't notice is the time and effort that couple gives to maintaining the warmth and glow in their relationship.

Start with the Right Commitments

There are at least three important commitments we need to make in order to grow a marriage. The first is to *commit to seeking God's direction* in the choice we make regarding whom to marry. It's not as though there is only one person for each of us in some plan preordained by God. He gives us a wide range of choice that is a genuine choice situation. If we turn to Him and ask for wisdom and understanding and the guidance to choose wisely, He will answer with some sign.

We should seek His leading for several important reasons. For one thing, He knows us better than we know ourselves. Furthermore, Scripture indicates He desires to bless His children with guidance when they turn to Him.



"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show his might in behalf of those whose heart is blameless toward him." (2 Chronicles 16:9 RSV) From Isaiah 30:21 we read, "And your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, 'This is the way, walk in it,' when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left." (RSV)

Also, when times are rough and we are tempted to believe we may have made the

wrong choice in our marriage partner, we are steadied by the memories of those signs for which we prayed as we were trying to make the right choice.



Now, where does this leave the one who was not a Christian when they did the choosing? Should they get a divorce and start all over with a new "Christian" partner? Absolutely not! God has even arranged for this! In His providence, He has provided us an "inboard computer" that operates at both the conscious and unconscious levels of awareness. If we give that computer time enough and data enough on which to operate, God can bless the match even though we may not commit our lives to Him until later.

The primary determiner of God's promised blessings reaching me is my own power of choice. If I open my life to Him, He will bless me regardless of the one to whom I'm married, for whom I work, or any other aspect of my life.

Another important area of commitment is *commitment to growth*—personal growth, growth in one's spouse, and growth of the relationship. Such a commitment involves fidelity. Fidelity in a relationship refers to sincerity, authenticity, devotion, fairness, and veracity. It is an umbrella term that embraces a number of qualities Eric Erickson says are important for us to learn when we are adolescents. As infants need to acquire hope or a basic trust, so adolescents need to acquire the capacity of expressing fidelity to another person in a relationship.

In marriage fidelity reaches its highest point among humans. Sadly we are losing this quality from marriage in our time. Fidelity involves turning down other options, and that's not too popular in a culture where keeping your options open is highly prized.

When we commit "for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part," it is a commitment that involves a changing relationship that ideally should be growing and maturing. Such growth and maturity cannot be experienced without fidelity in the relationship.

A third commitment we need to make in marriage is *to love each other*. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 describes in detail the qualities of love we are called to extend to others. These qualities could be summarized as loyalty, self-sacrifice, and forgiveness. In the

media, love is not often pictured this way. It is more often portrayed as a rush of warm, good feelings toward the other person. It is seemingly unstoppable. If it is there, one can do nothing about it—even if either or both are married to someone else.

Actually, this romantic view of love is probably more properly labeled in other ways. Sometimes it could better be called attraction to qualities you see in the other. In a long-term, mature relationship that warm glow is often a part of a peak experience that includes deep appreciation for specific qualities in the other. This is often a part of the peak experience a couple will report after attending a Marriage Encounter weekend.



As God's children we are called to reflect loyalty, self-sacrifice, and forgiveness most deeply in marriage with our spouse. While we are to love everyone, we are in a special position to extend love to our marriage partner. We know better how to be loyal the more we know another person. In marriage we can be tempted to compete in unhealthy ways unless we are willing to forgo at times our own desires to please the other. Of course, no one said this was easy and at times it will seem impossible! Isn't it wonderful that the one who calls us to love has shown us how? More than that, He empowers us to love—even when it seems impossible! He helps us be loyal—He helps us put our own wants aside in favor of pleasing our mate—and to forgive the other when they have not been loyal to us or self-sacrificing in our behalf!



In summary, Christians are called to make several key commitments in marriage. We are to seek God's direction regarding whom to marry. In the marriage covenant we enter we are to commit to fidelity as long as we both live. Finally, we are called to love, that is, to experience loyalty, self-sacrifice, and forgiveness with our life partner. This calling is for life, not just until we choose differently. God is permanently committed to seeking the very best for each of us, and we are called to make that same kind of loving commitment to our wife or husband.

Our children, our churches, our community and nation will all be transformed if we will again collectively take up the path of Christian marriage.



By JACK L. WILLCUTS

Where Is the Power?

Are you a *powerful* Christian? That is not the way we usually describe each other, or ourselves. It doesn't sound quite Quakerly, it smacks of authoritarian, dogmatic heavy-handedness. Powerful linebackers are more recognizable (and numerous) than powerful preachers. Yet, one reads reverently and somewhat reluctantly the final promise of our Lord: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you . . ." (Acts 1:8 NIV)

We live in a time when great numbers of people are profoundly alienated from all the political, educational, and religious institutions that have greatest power over our lives. Consequently, many are looking for alternatives to the organizations and structures that fail to meet their needs and for the supportive fellowship of community and the sense of efficacy that comes with being treated as persons. This has implications for our nation and the church—and certainly for our denominational corner of the Kingdom.

Uncertainty about the purpose and procedure in the use of power contributes to the crisis of leadership and governance affecting many segments of society. Who wants to be school superintendent, a city mayor, a college president, a board chairman, or a pastor if there is no power or if perimeters are misunderstood in the influence of those roles.

There are reasons why we are alienated from our institutions. We are offended at having so much of our lives controlled by huge, anonymous bureaucracies that neither know our needs nor care to know them. We feel unconnected to, without influence on, the large corporations and government agencies that dominate our economy and our environment, which determine, with so little check on their actions, the possibilities of our children and grandchildren. Those whose power over us is decisive are anonymous. Nameless. We are numbered, rather than named; we are data banks, not individuals. As a result we feel powerless ourselves and suspicious of any authority figures who assume to have power. This sense of futility and frustration also invades the church.

There is the deliberate antipower attitude that resists any authority voice like a reflex reaction. This response to perceived power is also epidemic in society. New institutions and new patterns within institutions are emerging as responses to the failure of larger and established institutions—government, schools, professions, economic structures, and churches. The revolt against the "establishment" has not run its course even though some of the revolts have themselves become established.

While evangelical Friends are keen on determining nonnegotiable beliefs as foundational to faith and practice, we are still uncomfortable with strident, inflexible, power figures who prescribe partyline doctrines for us to settle any question. Truth is something personally found, and until it is, it becomes second-hand, borrowed notions. We learn from others, search the Scriptures, and listen for the Spirit—but truth becomes really powerful only when it becomes our own. The Spirit was promised to come upon *us*. This is something to think about when growing Friends churches become filled with Christian refugees deeply wounded by the dominant, authoritarian churches from which they fled.

Another side of this promise of power is that once the Spirit has come as a result of our readiness and commitment linked with His readiness and compassion, power brings the weight of responsibility. To be resentful of any check on one's individuality in the life of the church is sin. The purpose of spiritual power is to make us faithful and effective servants. The wounded, the embittered, the immature, self-centered anti-authoritarian types sometimes found in Quaker meetings misunderstand the nature of Christian discipleship. We are not to be yokeless, but yoked with Christ, which gives us great power to bear heavy loads of responsibility.

Because our colleges, camps, missions, and churches are humanly led, they are also expressions of human error and frailty. They are the lengthened shadows of particular women and men, but they are also more than that. They are forms into which we pour our resources and our energy, our insights and our convictions. They are channels for the expression of leadership, authority, and power.

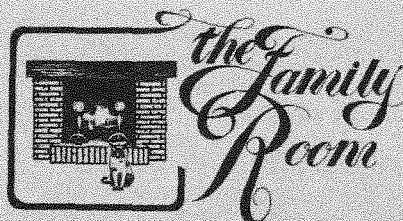
We are speaking to a profound crisis of authority among Friends, which results in an incapacity to find or support leadership. We cannot find enough effective leaders to meet our needs. Strong people are exhausted and broken by the demands of serving us. Vigorous, far-sighted people give up; so unseasoned, powerless ones try to carry on—or those with great potential and willing to try get little chance to grow in their work.

Satan seems always to have substitutes for Holy Spirit power, such as drunkenness for courageous joy and mediocrity for excellence. A critical or lethargic spirit can hedge in creative leaders with impossible conditions as though to assure that leadership will be exercised clumsily. Perhaps when Paul warned that "our struggle is . . . against the *powers* of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil . . ." (Ephesians 6:12), he was not talking about communists but negative committees and people infiltrating the church. Antileaders who despise all compromise, who block any group action until they get their way—these syphon off spiritual power.

"Leadership is not a matter of being a servant *or* wielding power; it is learning to wield power *as* a servant."* Friends now need many kinds of leadership: planners and organizers, gatherers of resources, directors of projects, clerks who can draw a group together in true harmony, prophetic preachers, gifted teachers, encouraging pastors, school administrators.

Let the power of the Spirit be released! 

*Paul A. Lacey in *Quakers and the Use of Power*, Pendle Hill Pamphlet #241, Wallingford, Pa., from which this quote is taken and others paraphrased.



COMMON SENSE IDEAS

BY NANCY WOODWARD

Recently I attended an educators' workshop for public school teachers working with children who have been tested to be particularly talented or gifted in their creativity and learning abilities. As a Christian parent I tend to shy away from labeling children because God created each of us uniquely. Therefore, every child is gifted because he or she is a child of God Almighty. With this perspective I sifted through what was shared and found several helpful concepts to use as I challenge my

children to grow "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

1. We need to teach our children that everyone's work has dignity. If I am trained to be a computer programmer, my work is worthwhile. As a homeowner I appreciate the garbage collector picking up our weekly trash. My work is not more or less important than someone else's. This knowledge sets me free to grow and be the best in what I am trained to do.

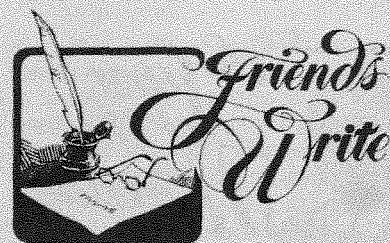
2. We need to teach our children to be lifelong learners. Because of the rapid growth of technology and know-how in all fields, no one can rest with the completion of their formal education.

3. We need to teach our children evaluation skills. Share with them the process of decision making in large and small areas. If you shop for new carpeting, have them read *Consumer Reports* with you. Share the amount budgeted for the purchase. Take them shopping with you and share with them why you purchased a specific carpet. Obviously, this type of teaching depends on the age of your children. But, as your children mature, make a conscious effort to include them in decision making.

4. We need to have our children do things with us. When your child shows an interest in your projects, try to do them when your child can work with you. This can include minor repairs around the home, or major projects in carpentry, plumbing, or electrical work. Sewing, cooking, and cleaning are tasks we can share with our children. Also, yard and garden work are easily shared. We want to give our children practical survival skills.

5. We need to teach our children about failure. Don't allow them to view mistakes as failure. If your child brings home a paper that has 20 problems with 15 done correctly, you need to guard against focusing on the five wrong ones! When failure occurs there's a process a person can go through to help them in viewing failure as a positive factor. The process must be done in order: (a) acknowledge what you did *right* in the situation, (b) decide what you would change if you could do it over, and (c) take ownership of what you did wrong.

In many ways these five ideas seem to be almost "common sense." But, I needed to be reminded of them! So often I tend to do my work and decision making apart from my children because it is easier and faster. But, the best learning comes from experience. As parents we do many things that we can share with our children to better prepare them for the future.



Boldness Needed

■ I want to thank you so very much for the December/January issue of the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*. I don't know how to express how much it meant to me. It strengthened my faith in Friends. Our world needs a boldness for Jesus.

PATRICIA EVANS

Portland, Oregon

'Preaching' Appreciated

■ The article on "preaching" written by Stanley Perisho in the December/January issue was a breath of fresh air. I also was refreshed and blessed a few months ago by articles written by Gladys Cook and Esther White.

Nothing short of Holy Ghost anointed preaching is going to save sinners and sanctify believers and save a lost world for whom Christ died.

MARLIN WITT

Nampa, Idaho

Family Altar Was Building Block

■ Appreciated the spotlight on the home in the October issue. We can say from experience that the family altar was a spiritual building block in the lives of our children,

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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

RUSSELL MYERS has accepted a call to pastor the Morningside Friends Church, Port St. Lucie, Florida, after retiring at the end of June from the superintendency of Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region. Russell has served as superintendent since 1968. Final selection of his replacement is expected by the end of February.

EDWARD F. STEVENS will assume duties as the 10th president of George Fox College July 1. Currently executive assistant to the president of Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Stevens was named by the Board of Trustees in late January. He replaces David Le Shana, who resigned in May to become president of Seattle Pacific University.

MAHLON MACY, pastor of Bayshore Friends, Bacliff, Texas, and former superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting, will be the speaker for the Midyear Conference for Pastors and Elders of North Carolina Yearly Meeting on March 12, 1983.

J. EARL GEIL, superintendent of California Yearly Meeting, was one of 15 church and mission leaders from the United States who visited Guatemala on December 17-19 for the purpose of evaluating evangelism opportunities. The trip was coordinated by Billy Melvin, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals. The trip included a dinner hosted by Guatemala's President, Efraim Rios Montt.

ALVIN and LUCY ANDERSON of Canton, Ohio, will be doing short-term service at the Bolivian Evangelical University May through July. Alvin will lead seminars for professors and be a teacher and consultant in the field of psychology. It is anticipated that Lucy will be involved in the English language department. The Bolivian Evangelical University is sponsored by 11 participating mission and national church organizations, one of which is Evangelical Friends Mission (EFM). Alvin is a faculty member at Malone College, and Lucy is on the office staff of Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region. Their church, Canton First Friends, is supporting the mission through paying the air fare.

STEPHEN MAIN, superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting, and Friends minister T. EUGENE COFFIN, serving at Garden Grove Community Church, California, were 2 of 15 evangelical leaders in the United States to be selected for a 16-day tour of the Middle East. The tour, directed by LANDRUM BOLLING, Research Professor of Diplomacy at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., took place December 27-January 13.

FRIENDS FOCUS

EFA APPROVES FAMILY MINISTRIES, SIX-ISSUE MAGAZINE

Meeting on the campus of Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, the Evangelical Friends Alliance Coordinating Council reelected Maurice Roberts to a second year as president of EFA.

Other actions included approval of initial funding for a Family Ministries Task Force to start establishment of a nationwide project of help to Friends and others. A 12-member task force recommended the program of family counseling, with individual counselors, retreats and conferences, establishment of library resources, publications, and a "Recovery of Hope" program for troubled marriages. It is hoped yearly meetings will carry out and adapt the programs implemented during the year by the Task Force.

EFA delegates approved a change in publication schedule for the Evangelical Friend. The magazine will be increased from 28 to 36 pages per issue, but for financial reasons the magazine may become a bimonthly publication beginning in July rather than 10 times a year.

The audience at a public meeting on Wednesday, January 12, was challenged by messages from Jack L. Willcuts, superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting, and David Leach, pastor of Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

During the January 11-14 meetings, approval was given for redirection of work with social concerns, evangelism, and youth. Emphasis will now be on work at the local yearly meeting level rather than through EFA commissions in those areas. Some of the funds for those commissions will be rechanneled to the Family Ministries Task Force.

September 18, 1983, was set as Rally Day within the EFA, with a goal of 20,000 in Sunday school that day, an approximately 50 percent increase over the average attendance of 14,300. It is a project of the Christian Education Commission.

The EFA Missions Commission announced plans for a \$50,000 fund drive to help construct a new Friends Church building in Manila, The Philippines, through a new revolving loan fund.

Plans for a "Youth Quake" were heard, with the meeting of an expected 600 Friends youth to be near Mexico City in December of 1985. Evangelism in Mission will be considered in 35-40 workshops in the first international event.

Distribution nationwide of 30-second television "spots" to be used as commercials or public service announcements is another EFA project. They offer words of hope to those troubled by economic and family pressures. Local churches can purchase the videotapes to distribute to their local stations.

Continuing a policy of rotating the EFA conferences among the four member yearly meetings, delegates next year will meet January 10-13 in the Pacific Northwest, with an exact location still to be determined.

MEXICALI MISSION EXPANDS

A new fellowship hall was dedicated December 18 at California Yearly Meeting's Mexicali mission in Mexico. Over 200 people gathered for the ceremony. The Mexicali church is also extending itself through assisting a new congregation at Kilometer 57. The needs and evidences of God at work have prompted the California Yearly Meeting mission board to expand their work in Mexico as a new major field for evangelization through mission outreach.

FAHE CONFERENCE IN JUNE

The fourth annual conference of the Friends Association for Higher Education will be at Haverford College June 24-27, 1983. Theme for the conference is "Quaker Education as Ministry." Confirmed as speakers are Kara Cole, administrative secretary of Friends United Meeting, and Earl Harrison, headmaster of Sidwell Friends School, Washington, D.C. Topics to be explored in workshops include "Quaker Ministries through Campus Processes," "Peace and Global Studies," "The Quaker Educator as Enabler of the Spiritual Life of Others," "The Impact of Spiritual Renewal on Our Campuses," "Modeling Quaker Concerns in Our Professional Lives," "Strategies for Enlarging the Quaker Presence on Campus," and "Religious Values and the Second Curriculum."

For more information contact Anne and Nate Shope, P.O. Box 18741, Greensboro, North Carolina 27419; phone (919) 852-2028.

YOUTH TRIP TO BURUNDI

Plans are being made for a Mid-America Yearly Meeting youth mission trip to Burundi. Organized through the office of Youth Superintendent Royce Frazier, the trip would

have three purposes: to educate the persons about missions; to provide help and assistance to the staff; and to encourage God's call into missionary service.

A maximum of 12, including sponsors, would make the trip scheduled for July and would be available for deputation in the fall. Alan and Margie Weinacht of Haviland and John Causey of Alva are planning to go as the sponsors. The trip is being coordinated with the office of EFM. Each participant will raise his/her own expenses.

FRIENDS COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN LIFE

A new organization called the Friends Committee for Human Life has been formed to promote respect for the sanctity of all human life among Quakers. Issues of particular concern to FCHL will be abortion and euthanasia. The FCHL Board of Directors has elected Steven Valentine to serve as its first chairman. A Chicago lawyer, Valentine is the author of All Shall Live: Another Quaker Response to the Abortion Dilemma and a contributing author of Infanticide and the Handicapped Newborn. Quakers who are interested in joining the Friends Committee for Human Life are invited to contact Steven Valentine at 230 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 915, Chicago, IL 60601.

EASTERN REGION DISASTER SERVICE ASSISTS CHURCH

Friends Disaster Service volunteers worked two weekends in November to help renovate the building used by North Ridgeville Friends Church. They installed insulation, drywall, electrical wiring, and did some painting. Dean Johnson also reports that Friends Disaster Service is erecting a pole building for storage of equipment, having leased a parcel of his property for this purpose.

QUAKERS AND RECONCILIATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND

A new Quaker House in Belfast, Northern Ireland, has been established. An open day was held on September 9, which attracted a large gathering of Ulster Friends to a very moving meeting for worship at the house. Billy and Joan Sinton will direct the program, which works for peace and reconciliation.

MEXICO MISSION EVENTS

About 30 people attended the first meeting of a married couples group from Elektra Friends. Meetings are planned to include fun times and inspirational teaching on subjects of interest to the group. Young people of the Evangelical Friends Mission in Mexico City held a three-day conference the first week in January.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FWCC REPORTED

Issues covered at the Friends World Committee for Consultation annual meeting in Atlanta November 19-21 ranged from tax resistance, refugees, disarmament, racism, missions, International Quaker Aid, and the Right Sharing of World Resources, to the militarization of outer space. Speakers included Kara Cole, administrative secretary of Friends United Meeting, and James Morris, executive director of Evangelical Friends Mission.

SUPPORT PERSONNEL SOUGHT

The mission board of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting is interested in helping place support personnel in the Rough Rock, Arizona, area. There are potential positions in three school systems for teachers and also an opening for a nurse. People interested in additional information should write the RMYM office at 29 North Garland, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909.

Uncle Charlie Never Wrote A Will . . .



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so we especially appreciated the article by the Conants, "A Lifetime of Family Devotions."

Your own article, "How Are Things at Your House?" was excellent. While we are writing you, want to also mention an article you wrote some time ago on the subject of sanctification. Don't recall the title. It was good and so needed. Do it again.

HAROLD AND EVELYN HARRIMAN
Santa Cruz, Bolivia

Redemption Needs Emphasis

■ I certainly appreciate the EVANGELICAL FRIEND. Thank you for your dedication to the magazine and to the Friends Church.

Charles Ball writes in *Fruit of the Vine*: "The Bible contains one great theme, and that is redemption; it reveals one great personality, and that person is Jesus Christ."

As I have read articles in various religious writings, heard and noticed sermon topics, I feel there is a lack of emphasis on the subject matter of redemption.

How often have we noticed a seminar, conference, convention, workshop, retreat, or articles in religious magazines with the subject matter being on that theme or closely related subject? I feel the need of more on the Person of Jesus, His sufferings, death, resurrection as a means of our only salvation from sin; and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and make us new creatures in Christ Jesus.

ALDEN PITTS

Wichita, Kansas

Good Friday Observance

■ More than half of federal general revenues are spent for military-related purposes. Many individual Friends and members of other churches have felt called to witness against the use of their taxes for military purposes. This witness takes many forms—refusal to pay a token amount, refusal to pay the military percentage, living below the taxable level, work for enactment of the World Peace Tax Fund bill.

At the New Call to Peacemaking Conference last June, a workshop considered how churches could act in unity on the issue on Good Friday, April 1, 1983, two weeks before income tax filing deadline.

The form of witness is to be decided in each local area. Participants could gather together for worship and public witness.

To allow time to coordinate with other churches and make necessary preparations, it is suggested that meetings begin work on a local Good Friday event as soon as possi-

ble. Planning for the event should be done by a planning committee representative of the religious groups involved. Workshops in advance of the event to explore alternatives for individual witness should be considered. Each meeting and church involved could also have adult discussions on the topic in the weeks before the event.

I hope there will be an effective expression of Christian concern about the use of taxes for military purposes on Good Friday.

BILL SAMUEL

Landover Hills, Maryland

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Marilyn and Dennis Benson, **Hard Times Catalog for Youth Ministry**, Group Books, 283 pages, paperback \$14.95.

The *Hard Times Catalog for Youth Ministry* contains hundreds of low-cost and no-cost ideas for youth programs, projects, meetings, and activities. However, it is not just another book of ideas. It's a product from youth leaders from all over the world who have willingly shared their insights and advice about effective youth ministry. In doing so they have listed many tools, ideas, and methods that have been of great value to their own youth groups.

A special section on "How to Design Group Sessions Using the Hard Times Catalog" introduces a creative method to adapt and enlarge the ideas for your own youth group. The rest of the book lists helpful ideas for youth ministry. New ideas are offered for leadership development, parents, guest speakers, retreats, games, and much more. All of the catalog's ideas and tools are practical, inexpensive, and simple to reproduce and adapt.

I have been using this book for several months and applying its tools and ideas in many situations as I travel around Northwest Yearly Meeting as youth field secretary. I recommend it highly for youth sponsors and youth Sunday school teachers, for it is youth laypeople sharing their "tried and true" ideas and resources.

— Frank Engle, Jr.



The EVANGELICAL FRIEND neither endorses nor necessarily approves subject matter used in *The Face of the World*, but simply tries to publish material of general interest to Friends. — The Editors

Guatemala City Crusade

GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA—Evangelist Luis Palau concluded his Guatemala City Crusade on November 28, speaking to a massive crowd estimated at 700,000 by government officials who studied aerial photographs. It was the largest gathering of people to hear an evangelical preacher in the history of Central and South America, according to church historian Virgil Zapata, head of Guatemala's Instituto Evangelica America Latina. According to

Zapata, "I believe this was the second largest crowd to hear an evangelical preacher in the history of the entire world."

— *Evangelical Press Association*

Major Evangelical Meeting to Confront Nuclear Age and Peacemaking

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA—On May 25-28, 1983, "The Church and Peacemaking in the Nuclear Age: A Conference on Biblical Perspectives" will take place here. This is the first time that a large representative group of evangelical church leaders will meet to address the nuclear arms race.

The unique emphasis of this national conference is its balanced educational approach. Many responses to the issue will be presented by leading evangelical voices of different Christian traditions. An unprecedented coalition of over 50 evangelical organizations has initiated this church-wide event. An additional 30 groups are contributing to the diversity of the conference by providing in excess of one hundred practical and technical workshops to some two thousand participants on a first come/first served basis.

— E.P.A.

Bennett feels Christians need to get rid of unfounded assumptions about public education and get the facts. "The church can help improve the quality of education by providing interaction between the members and the local schools," he explained. "A church can have teacher appreciation days for which students can invite their teachers to church for a special service, and they can promote school programs and functions when appropriate rather than competing for the same time. A church can also relate to a community school to provide needed support services, such as tutoring to discourage dropouts, and furnishing clothing and supplies for those in need." — E.P.A.

Evangelistic Mission Encourages Sudanese Christians

JUBA, SUDAN—More than two thousand people in this African city of 120,000 professed faith in Christ during a 15-day mission in late October. Sponsored by the Episcopal Church of Sudan, the mission involved an African Enterprise team of five members from four African nations. In addition to conducting the public meetings,



Built upon the prophetic mandate of Amos 5:24 and Christ's own teachings of Matthew 5:13, 14, the 41st annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will challenge Christians to boldly take up the mantle of responsible leadership in whatever their sphere of influence. To indelibly mark their individual "worlds" with the imprint of the risen Christ.

Driving home the need to proclaim and live justice—to be "salt" and "light"—will be such speakers as Ray Hughes, Jill Briscoe, Leighton Ford, E.V. Hill and James Boice. And complementing this outstanding array of men and women will be over 30 workshops where the teachings of Scripture will find practical expression; a special day-long Leadership Forum; and the colorful "Change Your World" exposition.

Here is your opportunity to join with Christians of like precious faith in worship, study, fellowship, prayer, and be part of an evangelical vanguard seeking to make a difference. For complete convention information write: NAE Orlando '83, P.O. Box 28, Wheaton, IL 60187; or call toll free 800-323-9456 (in Illinois call 312-665-0500).



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March 8-10, 1983
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Public Education not as Bleak As People Think, Professor Says

GLORIETA, NEW MEXICO—The common perception that the quality of public education has seriously declined is an exaggeration, participants at a Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission conference were told. "There is definitely a crisis in public education," said G. Willis Bennett, director of graduate studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, "but the quality of public education has not lowered as much as public perception would lead us to believe."

ACCOMMODATIONS IN FLORIDA

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POSITION OPENING: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SECRETARY

Friends General Conference is seeking a Friend to fill the position of Religious Education Secretary/Children's Conference Coordinator, a full-time position based in Philadelphia. Thorough knowledge of the Bible and key Quaker writings, teaching experience in the K-12 level, conference organizing experience, and effective communication skills are sought.

The Religious Education Secretary provides nurture, support, and resources to affiliated meetings and worship groups for the continuing religious education of their members of all ages, as well as coordinating the planning and production of the children's program at the Gathering each year.

The starting date for this position depends on the availability of funds. It is hoped that the new secretary will be able to begin on April 1, 1983.

For a job description and application, write to Lloyd Lee Wilson, General Secretary, Friends General Conference, 1520-B Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

the team, headed by Michael Cassidy, conducted daily sessions for over 300 Sudanese Christian leaders from across the nation.

The evangelists also addressed hundreds of students, including many Muslims, at the University of Juba. Many of them professed faith in Christ.

A Ugandan team member, Rev. James Katarikawe, traveled for six hours by bus to refugee camps near the border of Uganda. More than 100,000 refugees are housed there in 38 camps while they await return to their homes in troubled Uganda.

Commenting on the crusade in Sudan, where Muslims compose over 70 percent of the population, Michael Cassidy said, "The believers of this region touched our hearts deeply. Their astonishing courage and buoyancy in the face of incredible odds truly stirred us."

—E.P.A.

'Take the Toys from the Boys' Caldicott Says of Arms Race

GOSHEN, INDIANA—"Take the toys away from the boys," said Dr. Helen Caldicott, national president of the Physicians for Social Responsibility, in a speech given at Goshen College. The "toys" are nuclear

weapons; the "boys" are world leaders who she believes have lost all perspective on the deadly "game" they are playing.

Caldicott, who resigned a position at Harvard Medical School in 1980 in order to devote herself full time to the promotion of a nuclear freeze, told her audience of more than 1,000 people that such loss of perspective of "psychic numbing" is not confined to world leaders. Most ordinary citizens are subject to it, too, she said. She assured her audience that "there is no longer such a thing as conventional warfare between the superpowers."

Caldicott disputed President Reagan's and the Pentagon's claim that there is such a thing as either a "controlled" or a "winnable" nuclear war. If a nuclear confrontation occurs, she said, it will result in the virtual destruction of this planet.

—E.P.A.

Taylor-Made Solution for Unemployment Woes

UPLAND, INDIANA—Sometimes unemployment is like the weather—everyone complains, but no one does anything about it. Taylor University, a Christian liberal arts college in Upland, Indiana, is trying to change that by offering full tuition scholarships for one semester to students whose parents have lost their jobs. The idea was born as administrators were praying for the unemployed in their area, a region hard hit by recent layoffs.

—*Evangelical Newsletter*

Tax Credits for Higher Education 'Acceptable' Says Senator Hatfield

CAROL STREAM, ILLINOIS—While Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) supports tax credits "within restricted income areas" for higher education, he does not support tax credits for elementary and secondary education. He made this comment in an interview in *Christianity Today*. His remarks on education were in response to this question: "Is there any way to help Christian schools financially without at the same time bringing government control?"

"Once you accept a favor or something that is to your benefit—no matter what it is," the Oregon lawmaker replied, "you have immediately put yourself under obligation. You can't ask for tax exemption or tax credit on one hand without expecting the government eventually to set certain controls and regulations on the other."

"We have to be very wise and cautious about accepting favors from government. I feel very strongly that there is a role for Christian schools, but I do not support tax

credits for elementary and secondary education. But I do support tax credits within restricted income areas for higher education," he continued. "I delineate between the two because one is compulsory and one is not. I strongly support public schools, as well as private; I believe in the dual system."

"I want to see the independence of Christian schools; but if they come here with their hands out to the federal government and they begin to accept favors, with that comes greater possibilities of intervention."

—E.P.A.



WHERE THE EXCITEMENT IS

BY NANCY THOMAS

I chuckled as I read the letter. A lady in one of the home churches had written to the missionary (me) in exotic (she supposed) Bolivia. Among other things, she wistfully observed, "Your life must be so exciting!"

Well, yes, it is. Sometimes. But most of the time my life seems quite ordinary. I cook meals, wash dishes, help kids with homework, go to meetings, and attend to all the regular day-in-day-out routines that comprise my job.

The letter set me to thinking about the problem of boredom. We've all faced times of ennui and restlessness when the repetitive rubbing of the daily routine wears us down. When all the excitement seems to be happening somewhere else, to somebody else,

POSITION OPENING: SECRETARY FOR NURTURE

Friends General Conference is seeking a Friend to become Secretary for Nurture, a full-time position based in Philadelphia and involving extensive travel throughout the United States and Canada. Experience in working with Young Friends, leading workshops or retreats on topics related to the nurture of spiritual life, and the ability to discern the spiritual state of a meeting are desired skills.

The Secretary for Nurture will travel extensively among Friends, acquainting them with the resources of FGC and developing programs to meet general and specific needs of meetings and worship groups, with a special emphasis on developing programs among Young Friends throughout the United States and Canada.

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FACULTY- ADMINISTRATION OPENINGS

anticipated at George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon 97132, for 1983-84: director of admissions (12 months), computer-mathematics (master's), Bible (doctorate), and chemistry-physics (doctorate). Candidates must have successful teaching experience, superior references, be active evangelical Christians, and apply before February 15, 1983, to the President's Office. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

we're tempted to complain, "Why doesn't something exciting ever happen to me?"

I stack this feeling up against scriptural promises of new and abundant life. I've come to the conclusion that our boredom is, in part, due to spiritual myopia (near-sightedness), an inability to see God at work all around us. Elijah's servant couldn't see the chariots of fire surrounding and protecting the village until his eyes were opened (2 Kings 6). But they were there all the time. We're nearsighted, too. We need radical surgery for our vision problems.

Here are some ways to pray when we begin to feel penned in by the humdrum ordinariness of life:

1. We can ask God for fresh insight into His Word. He's promised us the Holy Spirit to teach all things and open up God's truth. But perhaps the availability of the Bible has made us too casual. We read a few verses in the morning, then hurry on, having done our devotional duty. And we wonder why the Bible seems so boring.

The Lord recently pulled me out of a very dry period. I decided to study Genesis and became overwhelmed with the depth and beauty of the teaching. I spent three weeks in the first two chapters alone, seeing with new eyes the love with which God's Spirit hovered over the deep, His amazing Light dispelling chaos, the beauty of each stage of creation, and God's power and skill. Genesis is a new book to me, and I'll probably be studying it for the rest of the year. I accept this excitement and insight as a gift from the Father. It's available for the asking.

2. We can ask God for a new insight into the people we live and work with. C. S. Lewis in his essay "The Weight of Glory" points out that "there are no ordinary people."

It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. . . . It is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendours. (*The Weight of Glory and Other Addresses*, Eerdmans, 1949, 14-15.)

Take time out to talk with a child and be delighted by his imaginative views of life. Visit at length with an older person, one who has walked a lifetime with God. Let yourself be surprised by her beauty and wisdom. Be especially open to what God is

doing in the members of your own family. Be quiet. Listen. Appreciate. God's very image is being re-formed and perfected. Right under our own roofs.

3. We can ask God to show us what He's doing here and now. Often glowing reports of what's happening somewhere else (the mission field, for example) blind us to immediate spiritual realities. One year on furlough in the States I participated in a Friends women's retreat. It was a beautiful week for me, and I sensed God's Spirit working quietly in many lives. A friend of mine also attended and later went on to another retreat with a different group. She came back from the second retreat bubbling over with reports of God's mighty blessing. Our Friends retreat was, in comparison, she informed me, "peanuts." That remark hurt (I was one of the "peanuts retreat" speakers) until the Lord gently rebuked and assured me He was very much present in both settings.

Sometimes God moves in very dramatic ways among His people. That's good. Sometimes He moves quietly and gently. That's good, too. The point is—God is at work all around us. With corrective attention to our spiritual myopia, we can see and rejoice in the healing of an attitude, the birth of hope, the calm steady witness of a faithful servant, the growth of love. It's happening here and now.

4. We can ask God for a vision of what He wants to do with us. Sometimes we lock ourselves into roles and tasks, limit ourselves by our own self-images. We "can't" do this, "never" get involved in that, etc., etc., etc. But did you ever notice how many times the word "new" is used in the Bible in reference to us? We're new creations in Christ (1 Corinthians 5:17), a daily process as well as a theological fact. Our inner person is being renewed day by day (2 Corinthians 4:16). We're to sing a new song to the Lord (Psalm 98:1). The Lord's love for us is new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23). His plans for us have no room for stagnation or boredom. We need new eyes to understand this. We need to be open to change, to letting the Lord stretch us and use us in different ways. "Enlarge the place of your tent; stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your pegs." (Isaiah 54:2)

5. Finally, and most important, we can ask God for a fresh vision of himself. We can plead to be enabled to "see the king in his beauty . . . the majestic One, the Lord." (Isaiah 33:17, 21) Both Isaiah and Job

knew and served the Lord. But for both of them a vision of God (Job 42; Isaiah 6) proved the turning point in their lives. God is willing to make himself known to us if we are willing to wait on Him and receive. Before a renewed understanding of His beauty and might, His splendor and glory, His limitless love, His justice, we will respond with worship and praise, with adoration and awe.

I'm not urging anyone on to a life of frenzied excitement and action. No. In the rhythm of the days, quiet routine times are to be accepted and welcomed. But boredom need never sit at the same table with us, no matter how "ordinary" our lives. God is willing to perform surgery on our vision, that we "may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled up to all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:18-19)

Nothing boring about that.

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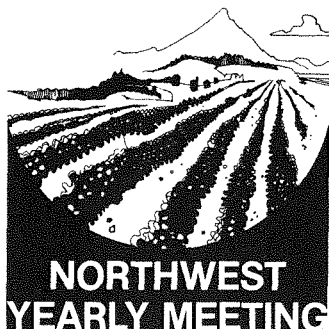
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Around Northwest Yearly Meeting

THE STEWARDSHIP FILM being shown in Northwest Yearly Meeting churches is having remarkable effects, according to reports received from churches. Increased giving as much as 100 percent has been noted. The film presents biblical principles of stewardship by Malcolm MacGregor. Response to the film confirms the great need in the Yearly Meeting for more tithers.

MIDWINTER 1982 brought nearly 100 high schoolers from across the Yearly Meeting together at Twin Rocks Friends Camp. Stan Thornburg, pastor of Plains, Kansas, Friends Church, was the main speaker for the conference held December 28-January 1. Coordinators for the successful Midwinter conference were Mari Kay Evans and Boyd Morris.

FWMF SPRING RALLIES will be held in each area of the Yearly Meeting. Offerings from these special events generally total nearly \$2,000 for a selected missions project. Dates presently scheduled for Friends Women's Missionary Fellowship rallies are as follows:

March 26—Southern Idaho
March 29—Inland West
March 31—Newberg Area
April 9—Portland Area
April 16—Puget Sound
April 24—Salem/Eugene
April 30—Southern Oregon
May 1—Southwest Washington

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

5, 6—Friends Action Board and Social Concerns Department
10, 11—Missions Department Retreat
11, 12—Midyear Board Meetings
13-18—Quaker Emphasis Week at George Fox College
18—Yearly Meeting Long-range Planning Committee
18, 19—FWMF Executive Committee
25, 26—Executive Council Meeting
MARCH
13—George Fox College Sunday
18-20—Friends Men Retreat
APRIL
11-15—Ministers' Conference
16—FY Volleyball Tournament

A NORTHWEST REGIONAL "New Call to Peacemaking" conference will be hosted by Idaho participants March 4-6 at the Church of the Brethren in Nampa. Steve McKinney and Dan Davenport represent Friends on the local planning committee. Featured speaker for the conference will be Dale Aukerman, author of *Darkening Valley*.

Vancouver First Friends Church Bell Dedication

A charter member of First Friends Church, Vancouver, Washington, Dr. John Brougher was born in La Center, Washington, and when six years old moved to Scotts Mills, Oregon. Dr. Brougher obtained the bell that was dedicated December 12 at First Friends, Vancouver, from the La Center schoolhouse and brought it to the old church built in 1929.

When the new church was built in 1964 the bell was moved, but remained unmounted in the bell tower until through the concern and efforts of Howard Smith, Dick Ayers, and others, it was ready to ring on December 12. John and Esther Brougher returned from Friendsview Manor, where they have retired, to be the first to officially ring the bell in its new home.



This picture and story came to us simultaneously with the news of the death of Dr. John Brougher, a well-known Friend whose stewardship and service have blessed and inspired Friends for many years.

Around George Fox College

"Quaker Emphasis Week" will be held Feb. 12-16 on campus featuring the premier performance of *Children of the Light*, a new musical based upon the *Journal* of George Fox and written by GFC music major David Miller and GFC Religion Professor Arthur Roberts. Directing will be Music Professor Joseph Gilmore. The performances will be February 12 and 13 in the new William and Mary Bauman Chapel/Auditorium.

Speaking at morning chapel services will be Howard Macy, chairman of the Division of Religion and Philosophy at Friends University and 1966 GFC graduate. His theme will be "The Heart Before God."

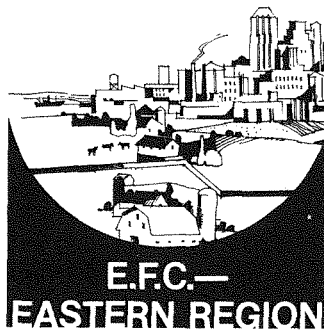
George Fox College Sunday will be celebrated March 13 throughout

Northwest Yearly Meeting. That day has been set aside by the Yearly Meeting Executive Committee for presentations in all 57 churches. On that Sunday, students, faculty, staff, alumni, and board members will be in churches on behalf of the college.

Mildred Rice, missionary-at-large for OMS International, was the featured speaker for the 1983 Missions Conference January 16-18 on campus. Eighteen missionaries representing various mission agencies also participated.

The film workshop "Possibility Principles for Growth" was presented at George Fox January 14-15. Wilbert Eichenberger, longtime GFC board member and now executive director for the Robert Schuller Institute, was the facilitator.

Oratorio rehearsals are underway on campus for a Newberg community performance of *The Creation*. Haydn's oratorio will be presented Sunday, April 12, by a choir of GFC students, faculty, and staff, and Newberg residents. The oratorio presentation will be the 17th in a series, but it will be the first held in the spring. In previous years the oratorio presentations have been in December. In a calendar change at the college, the oratorio performances were moved to spring term because of the number of Christmas season musical events offered.



EFC—ER HAPPENINGS

A SEARCH COMMITTEE has been chosen to bring names of suitable candidates for general superintendent, since Russell Myers will be retiring from that position at the end of June. The committee is composed of Harry Mosher, chairman; Joe Kirby, and Wayne Ickes.

At the February 3 meeting of the Executive Board, a name will be approved to submit to the 1983 Yearly Meeting delegates for final selection by the end of February. This will be done by means of a ballot by mail.

When asked what his plans were for retirement, Russell Myers said that after much prayer he has decided to accept the unanimous call to

pastor Morningside Friends Church in Port St. Lucie, Florida. He will complete 15 years as superintendent, having moved in 1968 from California to Damascus, Ohio, where the headquarters were then located.

THE FINANCE BOARD has met to review the commitments from the churches for the 1983 Outreach Budget. After considerable study, the board has adjusted the budget to a more reachable figure—namely, 84 percent of the suggested total submitted to the delegates last August. The new adjusted M.O.B. totals \$726,000.

SUMMER MINISTRIES for this year are announced as follows

King's Kids—July 11-27, Paul and Marilee Beck, leaders

Young Believers—July 11-27, John and Betty Grafton

Orchestra—July 11-27, Carroll Bailey

Navajo Indian Team—July 12-27, Harlie and Reva Harris

Back Pack Team—July 12-22, David and Joyce Byrne

Camp Gideon Work Team—July 25-August 5, Mark and Terri Engel. In addition, Bruce Burch announces that we are cooperating with two missions groups to be included in their tours.

1. Christian Service International, coordinated by Eddy Cline, providing tours to Haiti and Jamaica with music, V.B.S., and work teams. (Options: 7 dates)

2. Missions Outreach, Inc., with tours to Haiti, Costa Rica, Jamaica, and Honduras, all scheduled for two months (June 26—August 19) with "boot camp" training included at Bethany, Missouri.

MIDWINTER RETREAT ended on a victorious note December 30 as 125 young people bade farewell to each other, thanking God for their four days together. Jack French was the dynamic speaker for the retreat, with Harold Carl, music coordinator. The meetingplace was Wesley Woods Center in Grand Valley, Pennsylvania.

"MILLION DOLLAR CHURCHES"

22 Friends Churches qualify this year as "Million Dollar Churches" by their level of giving. Here is the formula used to determine this: the Sunday morning worship attendance average reported last year multiplied by \$98.59 (which is the total EFC—ER attendance divided into \$1 million). This year the list includes the following: Gilead, Orange Road, Mt. Pleasant, Raisin Center, Tecumseh, *Ypsilanti, Beloit, Canton, Damascus, East Goshen, Barborton, Boston Heights, West Park, *New Point, Newport News, Peniel, Portsmouth, Va., Richmond-Hanover, Morningside, *Goshen, *Urbana, and *Charity.

*New this year

CALENDAR

April 15-17 Singles' Retreat,
Salt Fork
April 18-21 Ministers' Conference,
Massanetta Springs, Virginia
April 29-May 1 Friends Men
In Mission Retreat, Cedar
Lakes Conference Center,
Ripley, West Virginia
May 14 Malone College
Commencement
June 27-July 2 Camp Caesar:
Junior High
July 4-9 Camp Caesar:
Senior High
August 13-18 EFC-ER Yearly
Meeting



Clyde and Olive Pickering celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary September 12. A large group of East Richland Friends attended the reception, given in St. Clairsville in their honor.

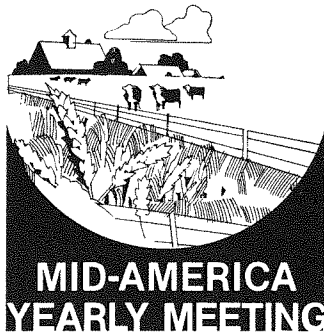
Focus on Malone

Gary Kasler has been named Assistant to the President and, besides his work in Alumni Affairs and Development, will administer the Public Affairs and Church Relations programs. This is due to the resignation by Pat Fehlman as Public Affairs Director in order to continue her education and to work in the area of marketing.

Three Malone tours were scheduled during the time between semesters. Robert Lair led the New York Tour sponsored by Language and Literature December 27-31. Arnold Fritz led the "Costa Rican Adventure" with 11 students studying tropical ecology December 27-January 15 in Central America, and Gordon Werkema, president, led the Holy Land Tour January 5-14.

Phil Eades and Randy Lane, Malone seniors, have been named to the 1982 All-American Soccer Team by the NAIA. This is the first time in the history of the program that Malone soccer players have been named to All-American recognition.

Six trustees were recently named to the Board of Trustees: William Casto, Bruce Clark, David Johnson, Fred Kunkel, David Van Valkenburg, and John P. Williams, Sr.



Midwinter Is a Time of Building Relationships

Midwinter Youth Retreat was again an inspiring experience for the young people of MAYM. One hundred fourteen high schoolers converged on Denver, Colorado, from December 29 to January 2. Thirty-five of college age arrived January 4-8 for the annual winter retreat.

Skilling was the order of the day and evenings were given to singing, sharing, and talks by Royce Frazier, MAYM Superintendent of Friends Youth.

Midwinter has become a time of building relationships within our youth groups as well as building rapport across the Yearly Meeting. One youth minister comments that "it was probably the most valuable time our youth group has had together since last fall. The long ride out and back along with the three days on the slopes with my kids allowed us the chance to really get to know each other. The bond of friendship between us will be valuable as we move into this next year."

Queries for Friends Women

By Ann Fuqua
President, MAYM Friends Women

1. Do you seek to maintain an open relationship with the Lord so that He can increase your vision of your part in missions?
2. Do you make involvement in God's mission program a priority in your own life, in your home, and in your society?
3. Do you regularly attend the Friends Women society meetings? Do you participate actively, asking God to bless your work for Him?
4. Do you pray each day for Friends missions in Burundi, throughout EFM, and for those on furlough, using definite specific requests for their health, physically and spiritually, wisdom, safety, grace to cope, and fruit for labor? Do you use the *Missionary Prayer Directory* personally each day to increase your knowledge of the missionaries and to guide your prayers for them?
5. Do you provide missions-related books and magazines for your children to read? Do you endeavor to make missions a part of their lives by encouraging them to

become acquainted with missionaries on furlough?

6. Do you regularly correspond with missionaries on the field, in order that they may know of your interest in them and that you are praying for their needs?

7. Do you seek to increase your knowledge of missions by reading regularly the *Evangelical Friend*, the *Scope*, the "EFM World," and the *Quaker Bonnet* as well as participating in the reading course of the Friends Women?

8. Do you maintain a simple lifestyle, so that you may be able to give all that God asks you to give to further His work at home and abroad?

Midyear Boards to Meet

Someone asked if it was necessary to attend the midyear board meetings. Many congressmen probably wondered if it was worthwhile to participate in the "lame duck" sessions following the November elections.

Not that there is any connection between midyear board meetings and lame duck sessions, but we all wonder at one time or another whether personal participation is necessary this time. Perhaps the difference is in our perspective. Are we inquiring about attending or about participating?

You are not a lame duck! Each one who is named to a board, or who is your church's representative, is important. Your participation is needed as plans are discussed concerning the overall program of Mid-America Yearly Meeting.

The boards and their divisions will be meeting February 1, 2, and 3. The Executive Council will meet February 4, and the Representatives meeting will be on February 5. All are convened at Northridge Friends Church.

Friends Bible College News

Youth Convention at Friends Bible College, "Open Look '83," is scheduled for April 8-10. Paul Aldrich, Christian humorist and musician from Fresno, California, will be the featured guest for the visitors weekend. Youth sponsors, youth groups, and, of course, individual students are invited to the FBC campus for this exciting weekend.

The Friends Bible College Concert Choir, under the direction of Professor Robert Ham, will be featured at the opening session of the Kansas Christian Workers State Conference. The convention appearance will be the initial concert for the choir's spring tour, which will take them to churches and schools in Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska.

The home concert for the FBC choir will be Sunday, March 27, at the Haviland Friends Church.

Seven juniors and seniors have been selected to appear in the 1983 edi-

tion of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

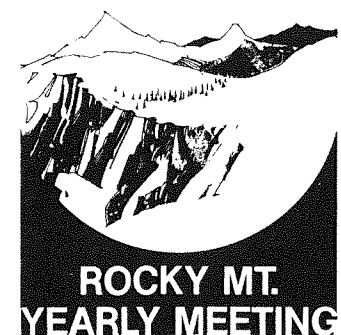
Students named from FBC this year are Janet Ross Routon, Haviland, Kansas; Brent Harper, Hugoton, Kansas; Gary Getting, Haviland, Kansas; Teresa Coleman, Central City, Nebraska; Mike Hein, Gate, Oklahoma; Sheryl Smith, League City, Texas; and Loren Boettcher, Duncanville, Texas.

Friends University News

The Singing Quakers will be touring Oklahoma and Texas on their Spring Tour March 11-17. The Singing Quakers home concerts will be March 24, 25, 26, 27 in the Whittier Fine Arts Auditorium on campus.

The annual Friends University Telethon will be January 24-February 10. Local alumni will be calling their classmates and friends during this time in hopes of raising \$300,000. In previous years alumni pledged \$200,000. However, this year Friends has been given a \$100,000 challenge grant for monies raised above \$200,000. The combination of the alumni gifts and the challenge gift could bring \$400,000 for scholarships and current fund operations.

Art Simon with "Bread for a Hungry World" will be the World Hunger Day speaker on February 17, 10:00 a.m. in Whittier Fine Arts Auditorium. Small group discussions as well as alternative meals on campus are a part of increasing awareness of our responsibility to others.



RMYM Briefs ...

FORT COLLINS, Colorado—Fort Collins Friends held their all-church retreat at Covenant Heights Camp near Estes Park, Colorado, recently. "The Cost of Discipleship" was the retreat's theme. Two films, *An Ordinary Guy* and *The Great Commission Sunday School*, and a book *Many Aspire, Few Attain* by Walter Henschel were used in the program.

ARVADA, Colorado—Northwest Friends junior high youth recently

distributed needlepoint rainbows through Meals-on-Wheels. The rainbows contained a special message.

WOODLAND PARK, Colorado—Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Youths attended Midwinter at Quaker Ridge.

VALE, South Dakota—Dr. Lowell Roberts, a former president of Friends University, recently conducted a week-long revival at Empire Friends.

WOODLAND PARK, Colorado—The RMYM Couples Retreat will be March 25-27 at Quaker Ridge Camp. Details for the weekend are available through RMYM churches.

RMYM Prayer Opportunities

1. Pray that during 1983 members in your church will catch a vision for the Great Commission.
2. Pray for Jack Rea and other Yearly Meeting leadership to be guided by the Holy Spirit in decision making and leadership.
3. Ask God for the opportunity to share the full Gospel with at least 12 people in 1983.

Remembering Gladys Smith

Gladys Adair Hickman Smith of Pueblo, Colorado, was born January 5, 1903, and passed away December 3 following surgery in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Gladys and her husband, Dwight, who died July 27, 1979, copastored Friends churches in Brandon, Benkelman, and Plainview, Nebraska; Cuba, Kansas; Hillsboro, Ohio; Russellville, Indiana, and Colorado Springs, Beaver Park, and Grand Junction, Colorado.

Following retirement in 1972, Gladys and Dwight lived in Pueblo, where they often filled the Pueblo Friends pulpit.

Funeral services were December 7 in Pueblo with Merle Clowe and Olen Ellis officiating.

STATEMENT OF CHURCHMAN, MANAGEMENT AND CIRCULATION	
CHURCHMAN	MANAGEMENT
1. CHURCHMAN'S NAME	2. CHURCHMAN'S ADDRESS
3. CHURCHMAN'S PHONE	4. CHURCHMAN'S FAX
5. CHURCHMAN'S E-MAIL	6. CHURCHMAN'S WEBSITE
7. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH DATE	8. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH PLACE
9. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH COUNTRY	10. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH CITY
11. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH STATE	12. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH ZIP
13. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH RELIGION	14. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH RACE
15. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH SEX	16. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH HEIGHT
17. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH WEIGHT	18. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH HAIR
19. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH EYES	20. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH SKIN
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27. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH MUSIC	28. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH ARTS
29. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH LITERATURE	30. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH HISTORY
31. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH SCIENCE	32. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH PHILOSOPHY
33. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH RELIGION	34. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH SPIRITUALITY
35. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH FAITH	36. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH HOPE
37. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH LOVE	38. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH PEACE
39. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH JOY	40. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH KINDNESS
41. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH GENTLENESS	42. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH PATIENCE
43. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH MERCY	44. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH GRACE
45. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH GLORY	46. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH HONOR
47. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH REVERENCE	48. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH RESPECT
49. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH DIGNITY	50. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH WISDOM
51. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH UNDERSTANDING	52. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH KNOWLEDGE
53. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH FAITHFULNESS	54. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH INTEGRITY
55. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH HONESTY	56. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH TRUTHFULNESS
57. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH JUSTICE	58. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH EQUITY
59. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH RIGHTEOUSNESS	60. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH VIRTUE
61. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH GOODNESS	62. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH BEAUTY
63. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH CLEANLINESS	64. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH ORDER
65. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH NEATNESS	66. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH PRESENTATION
67. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH ATTITUDE	68. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH CHARACTER
69. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH PERSONALITY	70. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH IDENTITY
71. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH UNIQUENESS	72. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH SPECIALNESS
73. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH VALUABLENESS	74. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH IMPORTANTNESS
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77. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH SIGNIFICANCE	78. CHURCHMAN'S BIRTH IMPACT
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FRIENDS GATHER

(Editor's note: With first mention of a church, the name of its pastor is noted in parentheses.)

Christmas was marked with celebration and worship made even more meaningful as we thought of Jesus' coming to earth as our Savior. The following churches reported concerts, pageants, programs, and special "togetherness" in worship centered on Christ (space does not allow detailing these):

PROVIDENCE, Virginia Beach, Virginia, (Jim Kilpatrick); **ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico**, (Terry Ash); **MELBA, Idaho**, (J. Harley Adams); **TONGANOXIE, Kansas**, (J. Wesley Murphy); **BATTLE CREEK, Michigan**, (John Grafton); **LAJUNTA, Colorado**, (Robert Storm); **SHERWOOD, Oregon**, (Robert Sweat); **McKEES CREEK, West Liberty, Ohio**, (Richard Johnson); **WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio**, (Galen Weingart); **TRINITY, Van Wert, Ohio**, (Duane Rice); **SMITHFIELD, Ohio**, (William Waltz); **ROLLIN, Michigan**, (Wayne Evans).

Christian Education

WESTGATE—Peg Weber is the new director of the Nursery School, succeeding Marjorie Langdon, who resigned after so many years of a job well done. All Christian education personnel were treated to an Appreciation Dinner recently.

ALBUQUERQUE—The Christian Education Committee has organized a Big "A" Club, where the children from the kindergarten age through high school have a meeting and a Bible lesson and also have activities outside of the class.

WOODLAND, Kamiah, Idaho, (Rob King) holds women's Bible studies each Tuesday afternoon at the church.

METOLIUS, Oregon, (Duane Comfort) appreciates having Jon and Judi Fodge working with the FY and young adults. Several attended the Christian education conference at George Fox College.

At **NORTH OLMSTED, Ohio**, (Neil Orchard) 30 teachers and helpers were recognized in a morning worship hour. The theme "We Love to Tell the Story" has been appearing in poster form on classroom doors, walls, and the pulpit. A new short-term Sunday school class for young adults and young marrieds without kids has been started.

At **SHERWOOD** Kathy Box has been named coordinator for junior church for children in grades 1-5.

A pitcher and bowl, representing "Faithful Servanthood," were presented to Don Murphy of **ALLIANCE, Ohio**, (Frederick Sams) at a Christian education dinner. Don has been teaching since the 1950s.

An "AAA Bible Study" on Sunday evening at **DEERFIELD, Ohio**, (Christopher Jackson) is held to

Analyze, Apply, and Act on God's Word.

Beginning in September the **BOISE, Idaho**, (Harold Antrim) church provides opportunity for the whole family to be involved on Wednesday evenings. There is a nursery, Cubbies for preschoolers, Kids of the Kingdom for grade school children, a junior high Bible study, a senior high-college Bible study, a Bible study for adults, and choir practice. Mark and Glenda Bernhardt are part time interim youth pastors. **EAST BOISE**, their new mission church, observed its first anniversary September 26.

At **PROVIDENCE, Virginia Beach, Virginia**, (James Kilpatrick), a discipleship training course will be taught beginning in January by the pastor. Approximately 20 people will be involved in this course.

Missions

PLAINS, Kansas, (Stan Thornburg) Missionary Conference featured a Children's Missions Awareness program of pictures, music, puppet stories, and a sack lunch picnic; panel discussions by parents of missionaries Frances Walkemeyer, Hershel and Ruth Young; LeRoy Kellum, son of missionaries; Esther and Ralph Choate (retired), and Marjory Harmon, MAYM chairman of education for the Foreign Missions Board; Bob and Connie Shaffer, on furlough from Burundi, and Fred Littlefield, president of the board.

BATTLE CREEK Faith Promise Missionary Conference was a great success, from the family dinner served Wednesday evening with Sherman Brantingham speaking, to a joyous Commitment Sunday, when our faith promise goal of \$15,000 was surpassed! Thursday was Youth Night with Eddie Cline. Numerous young people committed or rededicated their lives to Christian service. Friday and Saturday we had a delightful time with Peter Wu and Stephen Tseng. Sunday Dr. Charles DeVol spoke in Sunday school and church. Sunday evening a missionary film was shown.

METOLIUS is "socking it away." They are putting 25 cents a week for the missions offering into a sock and bringing it on Missions Sunday.

The **SPRINGFIELD, Colorado**, Friends Women took part in the Christian Women's Bazaar. They made enough money to give a big boost to mission projects.

CLACKAMAS PARK, Milwaukie, Oregon, (Howard Harmon) had a missions conference with Ron and Carolyn Stansell for January 29-30. Beverly Lewis from Argentina will be doing deputation in the Midwest this winter. Cheryl Fendall, youth leader, went to Saudi Arabia to work as a nurse.

At **NORTH OLMSTED**, Bill Casto of the **MT. GILEAD** church shared his

faith and promoted faith promise giving in a recent service. Anna Nixon spoke recently during the Sunday school of her missionary experiences in India. In the evening the Malone Chancel Players performed *Dress Rehearsal: The Quakers*, portraying scenes from the lives of William Penn and Margaret Fell Fox.

BEAVER PARK, Penrose, Colorado, (David Mercer) Friends held a toy party and sent \$200 worth of new toys to Rough Rock Mission.

DEERFIELD enjoyed Dr. Alvin and Lucy Anderson, who shared the importance of Friends missions.

In the month of November **NORTH VALLEY, Newberg, Oregon**, (Roger Knox) participated in the WRC's relief program of "Skip a Lunch and Feed a Bunch."

DAMASCUS, Ohio, (Joe Kirby)—a "Biblical Mandate for Missions" week was held with Dr. Robert Hess speaking on two occasions, and Diane Dailey, Friendship Ministries, and the Baptist Tabernacle from Alliance sharing in two services. Tom and Rose McClaren and Connie Ellyson shared their mission work experience this summer. On Saturday a fellowship dinner was held with Stephen Tseng, former bodyguard to Chiang Kai-shek, as speaker.

The Friends Women Missionary Fellowship of **MELBA** hosted a Harvest Auction in November. Over \$500 was raised for Yearly Meeting missions and for furnishings for the church.

Rick and Mary Ellen Hunt of **BOISE** are keeping an exchange student, Ah Lan Lee, who arrived in August from People's Republic of China. The fall area rally was held in the Boise church October 31. The **GREENLEAF** choir presented music, and the speaker was the new pastor of **MERIDIAN** Friends, Gil George, recently a missionary in Peru.

A Missionary Dinner Theater kicked off the World Outreach Conference at **CANTON, Ohio**, (John Williams, Jr.) with a sit-down dinner of international dishes. A movie on missions, featuring China and Taiwan, was shown. A "Saturday Spectacular" was held for children and adults. The children gathered in the chapel for foreign language cartoons, popcorn, puppets, and a missionary film. The adults were served breakfast by the single adults and were presented with a missionary challenge by church planters Jerry Wenger and Tim Tsohanoridis. Faith promises were made Sunday morning. The children's choir under the direction of Diane Thompson presented a cantata *Down by the Creek Bank*; 41 children participated.

CALDWELL, Idaho, (Willard and Wanda Black) FVMF held a Family Fun Nite Food Shower for Gil and Louise George, who have returned from the mission field and are pastoring the **MERIDIAN** church. Carolyn Winters of Caldwell flew to Mexico and was a guest of Everett and Aida Clarkson for two weeks.

Outreach and Aid

CLACKAMAS PARK has a food barrel in the narthex to collect food for those in their community who are out of work or need food.

At **WEST PARK**, Cleveland, Ohio, (Mark Engel) 100 NIV pew Bibles were dedicated recently in memory of Mary Knab, former Bible teacher, and purchased with funds from her estate. Helium-filled balloons, carrying a message of Jesus' love, were released on Rally Day.

The **URBANA**, Ohio, (David Byrne) church is participating in two community outreach programs: the Champaign County Hunger Fund and the Heating Assistance Project. Nonperishable foods, paper products, detergents, etc., are donated the second Sunday of each month. In the heating assistance project a needy family is "adopted" to help with heating expenses, home management, budgeting, and grocery shopping. They are also encouraged spiritually and to attend church.

Dane and Sally Ruff from **ALUM CREEK** were the special guests for Homecoming at **HUGHESVILLE**, Pennsylvania, (Ernest Lauffenburger). Sunday lunch was served 150 guests.

WESTSIDE, Kansas City, Kansas, (Dan Frost) welcomed its first pastor with the arrival of Dan and Wanda Frost and family on October 24. The Westside Friends Fellowship had been meeting as a group for nearly a year and had been anticipating the coming of a pastor for many months. The group has held the first of monthly services at the Edwardsville Convalescent Center, has distributed a food basket to a family recently burned out, and enjoyed a church family fellowship supper at which Clark and Kathy Pickett were especially recognized for their leadership to the group while waiting the arrival of a pastor. They are making a concerted effort in advertising and trying to inform their apartment community of the church's availability to them for Christian service. Prayer support of Friends across the Evangelical Friends Alliance is sought in this church-planting effort of Mid-America Yearly Meeting.

Charles Eberle of **TRINITY**, Van Wert, has begun a prison ministry and has good response. A private individual offered to donate some Bibles for this work. New ministries that have begun are Men's Prayer Breakfast, Nursing Home Ministry, Bible studies, visitation, personal services, Sunday school class for impaired hearing, and Singles' Fellowship.

NORTH VALLEY has been showing the "Marriage Enrichment" film series. Several new contacts have been made from the community.

NORTH OLMSTED Friends were deeply touched by news of the passing of Don Green. Remembering his pastorate at North Olmsted, a generous love offering was sent to his wife, Ellie, and four children. Manuscripts are being submitted by

designated people in the congregation to be edited, typed, and compiled as a devotional book for daily use during Lent. The Quaker Ladies missionary group collected used clothing for women and children to be donated to a Women's Shelter home. Food coupon books valued at \$20 are also being given.

At **ALLIANCE**, Dean Johnson shared some interesting incidents of God at work in the various areas represented and supported by their faith promise giving. Other speakers have been David Rawson and John Brantingham.

CANTON has a new program, "Mom's Day Out," where moms can leave their little ones—six weeks to kindergarten age—for one to six hours, with children being assured of Christian love and care.

Youth

NORTH VALLEY has started a new junior FY with Dave and Shelley Barker as the leaders. The Kids Development Company material that Steve Wood puts together for **NEWBERG** Friends is being used. Youth pastor Harry Selby had two youth retreats for the junior high and one for the high school youth at the coast. The youth also participated in a Service Day at **PIEDMONT** Friends Church in Portland.

ALLIANCE senior youth, rather than trick or treating, went "pumpkin caroling." Each with two bags of goodies visited homes, sang, then distributed treats. They received a brief writeup in the local paper. The youth netted over \$600 at their fall auction. Along with the auction, they had a lunch stand and also sold pies. Funds were used for midwinter retreat. Sally Handrych, assisted by the girls of her junior high Sunday school class, headed up the Fall Party for Children, an alternative to "trick or treat." Forty-five children attended. Darlene Jenkins's dream of a rally for Alliance with Cleveland Indians baseball star Andre Thornton came true with the help of other community leaders. Andre presented a gospel message at Alliance High School auditorium with over 1,600 in attendance. Several responded to the invitation to receive Christ at the close of the rally. Alliance Friends quartet "One Accord" and Naomi Henning, pianist, provided music for the event.

Every other Sunday night **MELBA** youth board the bus after the evening service and go on a "destination unknown." These are usually held in a church member's home and include food and fellowship. Every Monday morning the youth have a prayer breakfast before school.

"Son-Light," a girls singing group, sponsored a potluck and a singspiration service in a Sunday evening service at **WESTGATE**.

SHERWOOD high school FY enjoyed a girls' ski outing January 15 and a pizza party January 28 as well as a Midwinter Conference at Twin Rocks.

A youth seminar with Brent Bill was held at **WESTGATE** for all those interested in becoming involved with youth. Tim Kilmer, regional director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, spoke at senior FY.

A "Youth Blast" was conducted at **CALDWELL** with Steve and Judy Magee, leaders. Fifteen youth were in attendance. Plans are for this group to continue to meet each Wednesday night.

The newly formed youth council of **DAMASCUS** meets monthly for a Sunday noon lunch to discuss the FY group plans and progress.

WOODLAND holds a Bible Club for junior age boys and girls on Tuesdays after school.

A group from **MT. PLEASANT**, Ohio, (Richard Gessling) took a trip to Perrysville for a time of canoeing, and a number of men and boys had a Father-Son outing at Wilson, Ohio.

Revival and Spiritual Growth

At **PAONIA**, Colorado, (Eldon Cox) several people recently accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio, (Charles Bancroft) enjoyed evangelists Russell Libb and Chuck Nutt in fall revival services.

Guest speakers for **MT. PLEASANT** church services recently have been Lynn and Betty Baker, Dr. Norman Sommers, high school principal, and Dr. Edward Mitchell, medical doctor from Alliance. Speaker for revival services was Jim Spencer, New Philadelphia, Ohio. The Friendship Class sponsored a "Reach Out in Love" with a dinner after the morning service. Church Evangelism Explosion meetings are held each Monday evening.

NORTH VALLEY is involved in small group home Bible studies with approximately 90 adults involved for a time of study and sharing concerns and joys with others.

MCKINLEY HILL, Tacoma, Washington, (John Retherford) church participated in a community-wide bazaar at which they received well over \$200. This will be added to the building fund, which is growing quite rapidly. After months of waiting upon the Lord, He has directed the church to property on which to build their church, approximately two miles from where they have been located for many years.

At **CANTON** an "Anniversary of Praise" service commemorated the beginning of the building program, with a slide presentation. The congregation has given approval to proceed with phase 2 of the building project. A mezzanine will be added to the back third of the old sanctuary. Adjustments will also be made in the office area.

BELLEVIEW, Kansas, (Beth Shapiro) Friends had a work day at the church with a covered-dish dinner at noon. The church has been getting a new paint job by Dennis and Bob Williams, and the par-

sonage has had a bathroom remodeled.

CLACKAMAS PARK had their second Holiday Fair November 6, raising \$1,400 to help finish the kitchen in the new education building. The flat roof of the church is being covered with tar. Rest rooms for the handicapped will soon be finished.

Recommendation to build the new sanctuary at Van Wert **TRINITY** was approved, with the first materials now on order. Construction will begin in the spring. A special Thanksgiving offering for the building program amounted to \$13,000. Expansion work on the parking lot has just been completed.

The Lord has answered another prayer for **PLEASANT VIEW**, North Carolina, (Terry Knighton). They were able to purchase a bus for church activities. The annual bazaar was held October 30. All the proceeds go to the building fund. Enough money was raised to pay all but \$1,000. This picture shows the anxious faces as they awaited the



release of their faith promise balloons. About half of the balloons were taken up in a big gust of wind and planted in the top of a big oak tree. All but six were retrieved.

The **ALBUQUERQUE** church was newly decorated with new curtains and paint job. The kitchen was cleaned and painted. The parsonage yard was reseeded for a new lawn.

TONGANOXIE Friends celebrated Sunday, December 12, with a dedication service in the morning worship hour. In memory of Elizabeth (Bessie) Schenck, beautiful stained glass windows in multicolored hammered glass were installed.

MELBA has appointed a building committee to prepare alternatives for future expansion. The present facility is overcrowded, due to the increase in Sunday school and morning worship attendance. The youth center has been removed to allow for more parking.

Other Special Events

At **OKLAHOMA CITY**, Oklahoma, (Sheldon Cox) JOY Day was held (Joyous Older Youth). Eight guests were recognized and honored in the morning service. A noon meal for all and a short program followed in the afternoon. Some of the guests and pastors Sheldon and Elda Ann Cox were dressed in old-fashioned garb—sunbonnets, aprons, and even a black broad-brim hat.

Family night at **EAST GOSHEN** was celebrated with slides of the Centennial Celebration Day being shown in the evening service.

BOISE church has enjoyed several interesting slide reports of the pastor's recent study tour of Israel, England, and Ireland. Dave and Bev Davenport and their three children, Jenny, Wendy, and Sheri, flew December 28 to Bristol, England, where Dave will be working the next two years with Hewlett-Packard.

BELLEVILLE had a progressive dinner on Friday, October 30, with the last stop at Ethel Mikesell's for desserts and to finish the evening with fun and games. Our pastor attended a pastors' retreat in Wichita and brought back some inspiring messages and thoughts. Connie and Bob Shaffer were at our church with an informative meeting.

The "Friends Over Sixty" of **CANTON** enjoyed a fall foliage bus trip and a stop for lunch.

Lens Oswald of Kamiah spoke for the Gideons October 31 at **WOODLAND** church.

Two 3-D groups are meeting at the **DAMASCUS** church and feel a real sense of fellowship, discipline as to dieting, exercise, and discipleship. Retreats were held by the Administrative Council at Quaker Canyon where plans were made for the coming year and the past year evaluated. The Senior Friends Youth Group met at Camp Gideon.

Kim Fine, recovered alcoholic and drug user, gave an inspiring testimony of God's help in her life in the evening service January 23 at **SHERWOOD** church.

At **WESTGATE** "Laymen's Sunday" was celebrated with John Pierce presiding over the service with Paul Kramer, Carolyn Deming, and Bill Peters sharing about service, foreign missions, and evangelism. Bill Schultz spoke in the evening service. A ministry team from Earlham School of Religion met with the congregation for a Wednesday evening service. Wilmer Cooper, former dean and professor, and Robert Blake, student from Milan, Ohio, were a part of this team.

At **PLAINS** church Lewis DeMoss, Weymouth Pope, Leona Scheil, Don Powell, and Alvin and Mildred Bond were presented plaques in recognition of 50 years or more as members.

Two members of **DENVER**, Colorado, (David Brantingham) Jerry and Bea Davis, won awards in the recent "Senior Games" swimming.

NORTH VALLEY had a first meeting for a Parents' Support Group at the church one Sunday night. They felt very encouraged to have the support of other parents with the same concerns and are intending to continue these meetings on a regular basis.

Each member of the Pearl Cross Missionary Society of **MOUNT PLEASANT** was presented with a ceramic miniature open Bible made by Laura Coleman in behalf of the society's 50th anniversary.

—Compiled by Ruth Brown

FRIENDS RECORD

BIRTHS

ANDERSON—To Dave and Jeannie Anderson, a daughter, Jenny Marie, November 29, 1982, Boise, Idaho.

BACON—To John and Jenni Eichenberger Bacon, a son, Joshua Ewing, November 6, 1982, Alea, Hawaii.

BAKER—To Dennis and Jacci Baker, a son, Nicholas James, November 29, 1982, Canton, Ohio.

BASH—To Richard and Bonnie Bash, a daughter, Christina Rose, November 11, 1982, Beloit, Ohio.

BEUTLER—To Ralph and Marian Beutler, a son, Nathan, September 12, 1982, Hay Springs, Nebraska.

BINFORD—To Randy and Jana Binford, a daughter, Cortney Lenea, January 3, 1983, Haviland, Kansas.

BORSCH—To Joseph and Lucille Hughes Borsch, a son, Peter Joseph, December 2, 1982, Sherwood, Oregon.

BROWN—A son, Kenton Daniel, to Larry and Donna Brown, June 1, 1982, Eagle Springs, North Carolina.

CLINE—To Kenny and Cynthia Buck Cline, a daughter, Shandie LaNae, July 23, 1982, Gate Friends, Oklahoma.

COBBS—To Ted and Kay Cobbs, a daughter, Karen Mae, December 1, 1982, Damascus, Ohio.

COCHRANE—A daughter, Sara Ruth, to Tom and Margaret Cochrane, October 18, 1982, Topeka, Kansas.

COLE—To Billy and Ruby Cole, a son, Jonathan Bradley, August 10, 1982, Eagle Springs, North Carolina.

EHINGER—To Larry and Judy Ehinger, a son, Matthew Carl, September 15, 1982, Adrian, Michigan.

FITCH—To Ben and Gen Fitch, a son, Reid Nathaniel, November 1, 1982, Portland, Oregon.

FUENTES—A son, Richard, to Irene and Rosa Fuentes, June 15, 1982, Gate Friends, Oklahoma.

GUIDOS—To Rick and Jennifer Guidos, a daughter, Kelli Ann, September 30, 1982, Clackamas Park Friends, Milwaukie, Oregon.

HOLCOMB—To Joe and Nancy Holcomb, a daughter, Sandra Renee, October 26, 1982, Beloit, Ohio.

HUNTER—To Vince and Betty Jo Hunter, a son, Lee Michael, Hay Springs, Nebraska, October 2, 1982.

KERR—To Kenny and Garrie Kerr, a son, Jonathan David, October 29, 1982, Damascus, Ohio.

KING—To Rob and Betty King, a daughter, Adriana Robin, October 12, 1982, Woodland Friends, Kamiah, Idaho.

LANSFORD—To John and Julie Lyda Lansford, a son, Joel Williams, November 23, 1982, Del Rio, Texas.

LINDBERG—To Kevin and Dena Lindberg, a son, Lauren Paul, October 23, 1982, Columbus, Ohio.

LITTLEFIELD—To Randy and Charlene Littlefield, a son, Kasey Ray, October 20, 1982, Wichita, Kansas.

MCNEILL—To Sonny and Sharon McNeill, a daughter, Kimberly Beth, September 27, 1982, Eagle Springs, North Carolina.

MCNEILL—To Wayne and Kathy McNeill, a son, Kevin Lane, October 10, 1982, Star, North Carolina.

MILLAGE—To Martin and Sheila Millage, a daughter, Heather Michelle, November 9, 1982, Millington, Tennessee.

MILLER—To David and Lorie Miller, a son, Mathew Adam, September 26, 1982, Van Wert, Ohio.

MILLER—To Tom and Vanessa Miller, a daughter, Cherish Marie, October 1982, Van Wert, Ohio.

MYERS—To Craig and Shirley Myers, a son, Bradford Lance, August 23, 1982, Beloit, Ohio.

ORCHARD—To Pastor Neil and Judy Orchard, a daughter, Merrily Anne, October 12, 1982, North Olmsted, Ohio.

PHILLIPS—To Bill and Deanna Phillips, a daughter, Erin Renee, October 26, 1982, Alliance, Ohio.

POOLE—To Charles and Elaine Rhodes Poole, a son, Drew Franklin, December 27, 1982, Sherwood, Oregon.

REMPEL—To Evan and Rachel Rempel, a daughter, Rosalinda Ramona, November 5, 1982, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

RICE—To Norman and Linda Rice, a son, Robert Thomas, September 23, 1982, Bacliff, Texas.

RICHARD—To James and Wanda Richard, a son, Leland James, October 11, 1982, Milwaukie, Oregon.

RICKEY—To Brad and Denise Rickey, a daughter, Abigail Loreen, November 14, 1982, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

ROBESON—To Tom and Esther Robeson, a son, Brian Michael, November 4, 1982, Van Wert, Ohio.

ROKOSKY—To Jim and Jayne Rokosky, a daughter, Rachel Beth, December 4, 1982, Canton, Ohio.

ROWE—To Gary and Edna Rowe, a son, Russell Edmond, November 23, 1982, Columbus, Ohio.

SPARKS—A son, Herbert Austin, to Bud and Marjean Sparks, October 10, 1982, Wichita, Kansas.

VAUGHN—To Russell and Wilma Vaughn, a son, Joseph Russell, November 9, 1982, Shrewsbury, New Jersey.

VERNON—To Mark and Jane Vernon, a daughter, Sarah Renee, October 27, 1982, Columbus, Ohio.

WALLACE—To Phil and Jeri Wallace, a daughter, Lindsay Marie, November 4, 1982, Columbus, Ohio.

WESTMAN—To Dave and Judy Westman, twin sons, Matthew David and Joel LeRoy, November 5, 1982, Columbus, Ohio.

MARRIAGES

BAKER-CARSON. Marilinda Baker and Greg Carson, September 11, 1982, Eulesa, Texas.

BARNES-JACKSON. Diane Barnes and David Jackson, September 18, 1982, Trinity Friends, Lisbon, Ohio.

BRANDT-JACKSON. Sheila Brandt and Robert Jackson, November 26, 1982, Lisbon, Ohio.

BURGER-HELLER. Lanetta Burger and Mark Heller, October 2, 1982, Van Wert, Ohio.

CARNER-BUTCHER. Darla Kay Carner and Charles Michael Butcher, October 9, 1982, Damascus, Ohio.

KARPOWICH-SPENCER. Joanne Karpowich and Howard Spencer, November 20, 1982, Wichita, Kansas.

LAMONDS-SHEFFIELD. Patricia Lamonds and Dennis Sheffield, November 6, 1982, Eagle Springs, North Carolina.

MCCARTNEY-UNKEFER. Renea Kae McCartney and William Owen Unkefer, October 30, 1982, Damascus, Ohio.

MENDOZA-SALINAS. Sylvia Mendoza and John Salinas, November 20, 1982, Van Wert, Ohio.

MONTGOMERY-STALLSMITH. Beth Montgomery and Robert Stallsmith, October 30, 1982, Boise Friends, Idaho.

NOGGLE-ALVAREZ. Diane Noggle and Armando Alvarez, November 6, 1982, Van Wert, Ohio.

NORTON-DOUGLAS. Alecia Norton and Kevin Douglas, August 7, 1982, Addison, Michigan.

RALPHS-BOYD. Elaine Ralphs and Alan Boyd, December 30, 1982, Boise, Idaho.

SANDRU-HARTENSTEIN. Stephanie Sandru and James Hartenstein, October 16, 1982, Alliance, Ohio.

SPOOR-NASH. Linda Spoor and Robert Nash, November 5, 1982, Van Wert, Ohio.

SUKOSD-ANDERSON. Mary Jane Sukosd and Douglas Anderson, October 9, 1982, Alliance, Ohio.

YOUNG-SHANDLEY. Pamela Young and Todd Shandley, September 4, 1982, Adrian, Michigan.

DEATHS

BAIRD—Jennie Baird, 92, November 24, 1982, Damascus, Ohio.

COX—Carl Cox, September 23, 1982, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

ESTES—Katie Estes, September 4, 1982, of Talent Friends, in Medford, Oregon.

FINK—Eleanor Fink, 72, November 14, 1982, Alliance, Ohio.

GRAY—Esther M. Gray, 85, November 17, 1982, Hughesville, Pennsylvania.

KRIEGER—Elizabeth Krieger, 97, October 24, 1982, Denver, Colorado.

MACY—Mabel Macy, 90, November 18, 1982, Newberg, Oregon.

MARKLEY—Goldena Markley, October 23, 1982, Denver, Colorado.

PEARSON—Blanche Pearson, September 10, 1982, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

PERRY—Leveda Perry, November 30, 1982, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

RADFORD—Clyde Radford, November 5, 1982, Topeka, Kansas.

SCOTT—Margaret Scott, November 12, 1982, Newberg, Oregon.

SHEWELL—Eva Shewell, October 10, 1982, Beloit, Ohio.

SMITH—Gladys Hickman Smith, 79, December 3, 1982, Pueblo, Colorado.

SMITH—Jean Smith, 70, December 20, 1982, San Antonio, Texas.

SMITHERMAN—Lida Smitherman, 90, December 28, 1982, Haviland, Kansas.

WEIZENECKER—Frank Weizenecker, October 11, 1982, Beloit, Ohio.

Let's Be Friends

FIT FOR MINISTRY

BY HOWARD MACY

THE QUAKER concept of ministry, historically one of Friends most useful contributions to the larger Christian community, has fallen on hard times. Between the poles of those who recognize no ministers and those who adopt a Protestant pastoral system, Friends have great confusion about who a minister is, how a minister functions, and how individuals become prepared for ministry. The last question has become one of increasing importance.

The question of preparation for ministry has opposite dangers, both of which must be rejected in favor of an important principle that Friends have understood from the beginning. The rejection of those dangers, and restatement of the central principle, can be simply put.

Education does not fit one for ministry. The modern craze for credentials and certification in all areas of life might mislead us to think that education can produce ministers. Yet it is perfectly clear that it cannot. One of George Fox's earliest insights was that "ministers are not made at Oxford and Cambridge," the elite theological schools of that time.

Experience tells us that many powerful ministers of Christ have not had the benefit of formal education. The apostle Peter spoke powerfully at Pentecost without having taken a course in homiletics. As far as we know, the first great missionary, Paul, had no training in cross-cultural evangelism or pastoral methods, though he was a learned man. The Quakers' Valiant Sixty could not have qualified for a seminary

degree among them. Even now among Friends there are some very effective ministers of Christ who have not studied in any traditional sense for ministry.

Experience also teaches us that theological education is no guarantee of effective ministry. The old pun between "seminary" and "cemetery" is not wholly without foundation, as many seminary teachers know. After all, many Friends meetings have endured the lifeless efforts of theologically educated bumbler who differ from their uneducated counterparts principally in knowing bigger words with which to excuse their mistakes. Though Robert Barclay may seem to exaggerate when he writes "scholarly learning is more frequently harmful than helpful," education clearly does not in itself prepare persons for ministry.

Similarly, ignorance does not fit one for ministry. In warning against false confidence in education, it would be misleading to demean learning. Some of our most serviceable ministers have been very well-educated, from the important leaders of earlier centuries such as William Penn, Robert Barclay, and Joseph John Gurney to the widely read Quaker author-ministers of this century—Rufus Jones, Douglas Steere, Thomas Kelly, Everett Cattell, Elton Trueblood, and Richard Foster. These have been able to minister out of their learning.

Negative experience again serves as a warning. Many Friends have sat under ministry that was inept and superficial because the minister knew just enough to be dangerous but not enough to be helpful. Too often we have seen a kind of presump-

tion in ignorance, usually very sincere, which masquerades as dependence on the Spirit. This, too, fails us. Lack of learning is no demonstration of piety.


There is a tangible content to the Christian faith in which ministers (and all others) need to be grounded. These include, at least, a grasp of the biblical roots of faith, a theological framework in which to understand and to communicate the experience of faith, and experiential knowledge of the paths of devotion, prayer, and worship. Knowledge of content and disciplined thinking can help ministers to transcend theological sentimentalism of any style.

At our best, Friends have insisted that Christ fits one for ministry. In ways that are tailored to each individual's call, Christ prepares and empowers each one for service.

The root of such preparation is the knowledge of God. "The principal and required qualifications," writes Robert Barclay, "are the power, life, and virtue of the Spirit, and the pure grace which comes from it." The commitment to hear and obey Christ is essential to any life-giving ministry. Without it education is irrelevant. Without a passion for God, ministers become mere hirelings and false guides.

The life of obedience becomes the basis of preparation. I am completely persuaded that those who will hear and obey Christ will be adequately prepared for any service for which they are chosen. We should not expect (or require) that all preparation be the same, for not all ministers are called to serve in the same way. Not all public Friends, for example, are called to be pastors, and to require of them artificially the study of church administration may divert them from the preparation Christ requires. How much better it would be if committees on ministry would help each individual discern not only the particular service but also the specific preparation to which he or she is called!

In the end, we must steer a course between relying on education and cherishing ignorance. Neither option serves us well. Instead we must learn that Christ in love and wisdom will equip each individual perfectly for ministry in the power of God.

Let's sit again at the feet of our great Teacher. Let's be Friends! 



RED Ridge Friends Church, the fifth Navajo Friends church, was dedicated Saturday, November 27, 1982, near Many Farms, Arizona. The dedicatory celebration started two days earlier on Thursday night, November 25, with an evangelistic service. Again on Friday night, November 26, Navajos drove their pickup trucks from near and far to take part in the prededication evangelistic series, which enjoyed the ministry of guest preacher Rev. Alvin Tso.

On dedication day 150 people arrived for a day of Christian festivities. Friends elders Fred Jo Benally and Tom Harvey both had a part in presiding at the nearly 3½-hour dedication service. There was a time for congregational hymn singing and also for special music by the well-known Navajo musical family of Cecil Silversmith. Testimonies and histories were shared, and the Friends elders were encouraged to speak, as well as guests and friends in the congregation. Jack Rea, Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting general superintendent, was asked to address the audience, as was Vern Ellis, Rough Rock Mission superintendent. The dedication speaker was Joe Gurley.

Jack Rea is superintendent of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting.

ANOTHER NAVAJO FRIENDS CHURCH

BY JACK REA

Following the service, a dinner was served buffet style, with everything from mutton stew and blue cornmeal cakes to turkey and mashed potatoes. The third evangelistic service was in the evening.

Red Ridge Friends Church, 27' x 60', is located about 1½ miles west of Many Farms, Arizona, along a large ridge of red rocks on the Tom Harvey camp. Tom Harvey, a construction worker, built this building to honor God and to encourage his family of 13 married children (11 daughters and 2 sons) to follow Jesus as their Savior.

A few years earlier Tom and his wife, Nanabah, lived on the north side of Highway 59 in Nanabah's mother's camp, as is traditional in the matriarchal Navajo society. But, because of their Christian commitment, Tom and Nanabah moved out of her mother's camp across the road to the other side of the highway. Now, not only

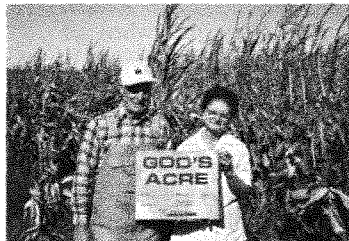
has a church building been erected, but also the mother-in-law has become a Christian, as have some of the Harvey children. The Tom Harveys were especially happy on dedication day to see their whole family there—Nanabah's mother and all 13 children with their spouses and children. They were also happy that Center, Colorado, Friends Church had donated the pews,

pulpit, and piano for the new church.

The Rough Rock Friends Mission erected its first church on the mission station site. Since then church buildings have been built at Klizalannie Begay's camp, Oak Ridge Friends Church; Amos Redhair's camp, Restitution Ridge Friends Church; Kee Yazzie's camp, Solid Rock Friends Church; and now at Tom Harvey's camp, Red Ridge Friends Church. The decentralization of church sites is consistent with the overall plan of self-government and self-propagation that the mission holds.

Along with the progress and celebration, there is also cause for concern—concern because of recent tribal leadership changes favoring a reemphasis of Navajo tribal religions, which could possibly affect Christian ministry, and also a potentially restrictive policy toward involvement of non-Navajos on the reservation.

Kenneth and Edna Mathieson, Waterbury, Nebraska, Springbank Friends Church of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting



STEER-ing MONEY TO MISSIONS

BY RETA STUART

About 4½ years ago this magazine printed a brief editorial about a former Mid-America Yearly Meeting pastor who raised rabbits for a STEER mission project. We'd like to add to that "hare-raising" tale with further commentary on "Raising Dough for Missions." Economic conditions at home and abroad necessitate creative methods of funding the missionary enterprise of the church. In the following article, Reta Stuart shares more experiences and information about this innovative means of supporting missions through STEER, Inc., of Bismarck, North Dakota.

STEER describes its unique plan as a "down-to-earth missionary endeavor that gives Christian farmers/ranchers the joy of being involved in missions by using their time, expertise, and facilities." Farmers who share in this program need give no cash since STEER, through its donors, furnishes the money to purchase livestock or to plant and harvest crops for the cause of missions.

Participation in STEER's program is not limited to farmers and ranchers. It is a

three-way stewardship plan involving a Donor, a Farmer, and a Mission Society. STEER relies on donors—individuals, businesses, and Christian groups desiring to invest in missions—for the cash to begin projects. Donors, as well as farmers, may designate the mission recipient of projects in which they participate.

When a farmer agrees to become a STEER partner, STEER provides him with funds (a donor's "unit") to purchase livestock of his choice or to seed and harvest the crop he chooses. When an animal is sold or crop harvested, the original investment is deducted and the gain

Reta Stuart is Administrative Assistant of the Evangelical Friends Mission.

sent to missions. To help meet operating expenses, STEER retains a portion of a project's gain. Since all livestock and crops are covered by STEER's insurance plan, the donor's investment cannot be lost.

Evangelical Friends and STEER

In April 1977, Evangelical Friends officially joined STEER, which was founded in 1958 and now has a membership of about 80 missions. Since joining, Friends have received about \$8,000 for various fields—mostly Rough Rock, Burundi, and Mexico.

Perhaps the longest involvement on behalf of Friends missions has been through Kenneth and Edna Mathieson of Waterbury, Nebraska (members of Springbank Friends Church, Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting). Beginning in 1977, for five consecutive years Kenneth and Edna planted five acres of corn, with total proceeds of \$2,528, designated for RMYM's mission work among the Navajos at Rough Rock, Arizona. Their corn was raised as part of STEER's "God's Acre Plan," for which STEER furnishes the capital for seed, gas, fertilizer, and spray, and the farmer agrees to provide his land, machinery, and labor. Donor units for Mathiesons' projects came from various sources, including Fowler Friends Church of Mid-America Yearly Meeting.

When asked in a personal interview about their motivation for the STEER program, Edna Mathieson replied, "We knew there were many needs at Rough Rock and wanted to help out. We felt God's Acre Plan was a way in which we could assist." After becoming involved, the Mathiesons found they received blessing, too. One year, 1979, there was a severe hailstorm in which their neighbors were all hailed out, but the hail stopped just one-half mile short of Mathiesons' farm.

Like most Friends, the Mathiesons want no credit for their participation and are not seeking publicity. They stress that they are only one of many families who have taken part, either as farmers or as donors, in STEER's program.

Paul and Patsy Boles of Moscow, Kansas (Mid-America Yearly Meeting), have been STEER partners; in 1982 the gain from sale of five calves derived considerable benefit for the Friends Mission in Burundi, Africa. Donor units for their project originated from individuals and churches of MAYM in Colorado, Texas, and Kansas. In the fall another sizable check, designated for Burundi, came from STEER, as gain from a



cow-calf project of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walke-meyer of Hugoton, Kansas (Bethel Friends Church, MAYM).

Others could be named—including Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith of Pratt, Kansas. Their ten-acre wheat project in 1982, funded by part of a \$1,050 memorial donation from the Anfred (Pat) Johnson Family (to which Alda Clarkson belongs), netted a gain of \$924.81. This gift was designated for Friends mission work in Mexico City, where Alda and her husband, Everett, are missionaries.


Upcoming STEER Conference in Kansas

STEER holds an annual "Round-Up" with an outstanding program in the fall at Bismarck. They also sponsor regional conferences, and one such meeting is scheduled for March 21-22 at the Holidome in Hutchinson, Kansas, where Dr. Paul S. Rees is to be guest speaker. Mission organizations, including EFM, will be represented at this

gathering. It is hoped that many local farmers and potential donors can attend.

Immediately after the conference from March 23 to 27, Rev. LaRue Goetz, executive director of STEER, will be speaking at Friends churches in Mid-America YM, particularly in central and western Kansas.

Waylen Brown, former Friends pastor in Springfield, Colorado, now living at Booker, Texas, is a STEER representative. He has been successful in helping implement the STEER program in several areas and may be contacted by interested parties at Box 702, Booker, TX 79005; Phone: 806/658-9680. Additional STEER information can be obtained from the EFM office, P.O. Box 671, Arvada, CO 80001; Phone: 303/421-8100. There are several brochures that describe the STEER plan as well as a slide/tape presentation that can be borrowed for local viewing. Feel free to request this information.

Friends, let's be faithful to utilize every possible means to support our worthy mission work around the world! 

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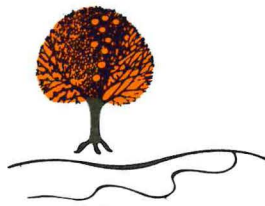
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